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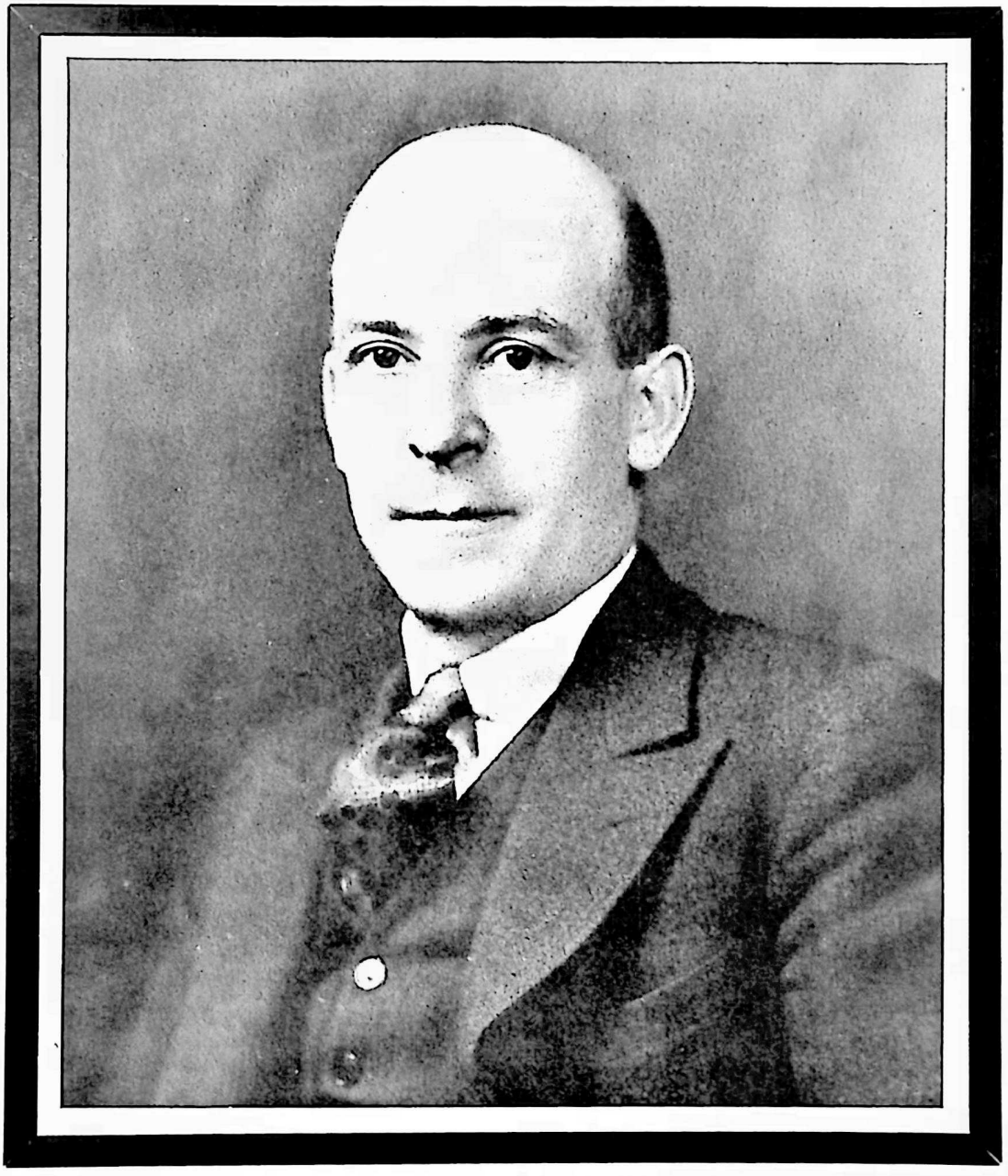

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COMING REUNIONS

All Vermont YD men are invited to a YD Reunion during the State Legion Convention at Montpelier on July 29, 30, and 31. JOSEPH G. ABAIR of Montpelier and a committee is making plans for the YD get-together.

The Nineteenth Annual Reunion of the Rainbow Division was held in Columbus, Ohio, on July 12, 13 and 14.

And "the biggest show in America"; the Legion National Convention in New York, on September 20, 21, 22 and 23.

THIS NUMBER

Naturally, the biggest news in this number is the Eighteenth Annual Convention, held in Portland the last week-end in June. It was one swell Convention, and the fact that less space is perhaps given to telling of all the different events than in previous years, is not because there was less going on. It is simply that to try to tell it all would take many more pages than DOINGS can afford to print. Last year's post-Convention number contained 60 pages: 43 of those pages related convention activities. A 60-page issue right now would be absolutely unjustified with the amount of money there is in the treasury. The only point of this explanation is in case some member who wasn't at Portland might think, "Well, that couldn't have been much of a Convention. There isn't much about it in YANKEE DOINGS."

It WAS a Convention and a REAL one, as you will see as you read about it — if you didn't already see by being there.

THE PORTLAND CONVENTION

A scientist, or some other egg of that sort, was trying one time to illustrate the inadequacy of the spoken word to convey an accurate mind picture from one person to another. His illustration: "Could you describe to another person, who had never tasted one, the exact taste of an orange, so that the flavor was as accurately known to him as if he had eaten one?"

Well, the Portland Convention was no orange — or lemon either — but the task of trying to put it in words is just as hard. About the best we can do is divide it into two main headings: business and pleasure. The business part isn't hard to report: so-and-so were elected officers, so-and-so were awarded trophies; so-and-so were presented certificates of merit; and such-and-such votes were passed. But when it comes to the fun part — the parade, the clambake, the ball, etc., etc., it doesn't help much to tell how many lobsters marched in the parade, or how many drums and bugles were served broiled for dinner. The atmosphere is missing on the printed page, and the only way to feel it is to be there. So we aren't even going to try to hatch a flock of high-powered adjectives to tell how bright and snappy was the parade, nor how tight and sappy were some of the all-night reunions.

When you come to think of the fact that the daily papers in Portland filled page after page for four days with local color, gossip, rumor, pictures, personal items, anecdotes, etc., how can one expect YANKEE DOINGS to compete? This issue will tell of the more important happenings of the Convention, but if it's atmosphere you want you should have been there. It was one swell time, a little strenuous on some of us oldsters, but enjoyable from start to finish, with time out now and then for bromo-seltzer.

RESUME OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT PORTLAND CONVENTION

The official "minutes" or official proceedings of the Convention at Portland fill ten closely type-written pages, legal size. And two thirds of it is "whereas's" and therefores", parliamentary questions, motions, amendments to motions, substitute motions, withdrawal of motions and all that sort of tripe. So why waste good money printing it word for word here? This article will give a brief resume of the two meetings, one on Friday afternoon and one on Saturday morning, and the more important items, such as the new officers elected, the awards of trophies, citations, charters, merit certificates, amendments adopted, resolutions, etc., will each be given a separate place of its own.

The Convention was called to order by National President ALBERT W. HERMAN at 2:23 P.M., Friday, June 25, using the convention gavel, presented to the Y.D.V.A. in Portland in 1932, which is never used except at Annual Conventions. The regular ritual was followed, including the advance of the colors, minute's silence and invocation by acting Chaplain Past President LEONARD J. MALONEY. Dep't. of Mass. Sgt.-at-Arms MIKE O'CONNOR was acting sergeant-at-arms, inspecting each man's membership card for admittance. About 100 were present at the opening of the meeting.

The official Call for the Convention was read by the Secretary. Among the distinguished guests who addressed the meeting on Friday afternoon, were Governor Lewis O. Barrows of Maine, Maine's Adjutant General JIM HANSON, Lieut. George Woods of the Parade Committee; General CHARLES H. COLE, who represented Governor Hurley of Massachusetts, but stated he'd be glad when his official capacity was over and he could get out of O.D., into a beret, and meet the boys on the street and in their rooms; Gen. DANIEL NEEDHAM, C.G. of the 26th Division; OWEN P. BENTON, General Chairman of the Convention Committee; General JOHN H. SHERBURNE.

The reading of the minutes of the Worcester Convention was omitted by unanimous vote.

The Secretary read the report of membership standing as of the opening of the Worcester Convention and as of the opening of the Port-

land Convention, which showed that there have been 12 new Chapters chartered during the year; that the organization as a whole, and also every one of its seven Departments has a greater membership than one year ago; and that 28 of the 48 chapters which were in existance a year ago had shown an increase in membership; that the total one year ago was 2296 members — the total this year, 2949 members. It was further announced that the Secretary had visited his assistants at the Lafayette Hotel, and that he could accurately and truthfully state that more than 50 memberships had been received, and that the total membership at the moment was over 3000, the first time at any Convention. (N.B. The comparative membership table is not printed in this issue, as a later standing [as of July 13] is given.)

The Treasurer, L. H. REDFIELD, read his annual report, confining the statistical part to a reading of the items of cash income and expense. He warned that every possible economy will have to be effected during the coming year, owing to the unduly heavy expense last year, when much new equipment was purchased, additional office help employed, and old bills paid off. Much of this extra expense was incurred because of the growth in new membership, the work of putting them into the files, the additional files needed, etc., and that if the gain could be consolidated, this initial expense would not occur this year.

The Chair appointed the following Resolutions Committee: Chm. BENJAMIN PITMAN (New York); JOSEPH GAUTHIER (Worcester); DAVID B. HERMAN (Wash.). This committee received the resolutions submitted, and agreed to report on them at the Saturday morning session.

A notable feature of the Convention was that every one of the seven Vice Presidents (Department Presidents) was present. Not all of them together either on Friday or Saturday, but all there either at one session or the other, and all made worthwhile reports showing the real work they have been doing throughout the year. ELTON P. WALKER for the Department of Maine; EARLE L. WILLIAMS for the Department of New Hampshire; ARTHUR M. FOOTE for the Department of Vermont; A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE for the Department of Massachusetts; WILLIAM T. MULCAHEY for the Department of R. I.; WILLIAM W. THOMPSON for the Department of Connecticut; and WALTER D. CROWELL of Chicago, for the Department of the United States. The reports of the work these men have done was vastly encouraging, and met with much applause.

Committees to report were: (1) The Committee on a Monument for General Edwards' Grave at Arlington National Cemetery (see elsewhere), reported by the Chairman, General COLE; and a progress report on the formation of units of Sons of the YD and Daughters of the YD, by the committee of one, TONY ROCK of Boston. Tony's report told of his preparation for the formation of these units, the printing of charters, membership cards, etc., and that several have already formed, others about ready to.

The National President reported verbally, without notes, in an eloquent and emotional address which left his hearers standing on their feet shouting and himself choked and almost in tears. A magnificent account of a splendid stewardship.

Regrets were read from Major General James G. Harbord, and Froome Barbour, National Commander of the D.A.V., at their inability to be present. President DAVE HERMAN of Washington Chapter told of the untiring work done by his Chapter year after year in decorating the graves of General EDWARDS, and all YD men buried in Arlington, on Memorial Day and Armistice Day.

Certificates of Meritorious Service were then presented to such as were present of the 90 men and women — some veterans, others not — who in the opinion of the National Executive Committee, had contributed most largely to its success during the past year. A few of these certificates were for achievements over a period of years. The Certificate of Merit is presented but once to the same person, and many who would have received it this year did not, as they have already received one for their work in preceding years. (See elsewhere).

At this point the Friday session recessed until 8:00 A.M. Saturday, by standing for one full minute in silence to the memory of the late Congressman BILLY CONNERY. The motion was made by JERRY O'LEARY, Providence.

Saturday Session

The Saturday morning session opened in form at 9:10 A.M. National Sgt.-at-Arms DENNIS BRUNTON was at the door, assisted by State Sgt.-at-Arms MIKE O'CONNOR of Mass.

Distinguished guests who addressed the Saturday meeting were: United States Representative Ralph O. Brewster, Portland City Manager James E. Barlow.

At this session, the Convention got down to real business. The first was action on the two

proposed Constitutional amendments. Both were eventually adopted, after some debate. They are not printed again in this issue of DOINGS, as they have already appeared three times. The first makes the duly elected president of every chartered chapter a voting member of the National Executive Committee; the second makes every Past National President a voting member of the National Executive Committee.

Next came the report of the Resolutions Committee and action thereon. (See elsewhere in this issue).

Three engraved citations for accomplishment in the January to April nation-wide membership drive were then presented. (See elsewhere.)

Four Charters to Chapters newly formed were presented. (See elsewhere).

Three silver trophies for definitely specified accomplishments were presented. (See separate article).

National Treasurer then presented two more of the solid gold YD signet rings: to LAURENCE COOK, and WILLIAM LALLY, both of Providence Chapter, each of whom had secured more than 25 new members. The Treasurer reported that this made 12 such rings he had given throughout the year, each one to a man who had secured at least 25 new members, and in some cases as many as 60.

The meeting then proceeded to the Election of Officers, listening to the reading of the report of the Nominating Committee, by its Chairman, Past President LEN MALONEY. There was only one contested office, that of National Service Officer, the name of ERNEST C. PARENT having been filed with the signatures of 20 members in accordance with the Constitution, as an opponent to the Nominating Committee's candidate, TOM SCOTT of Bristol, Conn., Con. Dept. service officer. A red hot debate ensued on this contest, resulting in the election of Parent by a vote of 51 to 48, with Washington Chapter not voting. The complete slate of the new officers is printed elsewhere in this issue.

The National President-elect RAY DOUCETTE was handed the gavel for a few brief remarks, pledging himself to do his best to carry on in the splendid footsteps of his predecessors.

CARL HOLSTROM of Lynn presented YD radiator emblems to President AL HERMAN and General COLE.

A motion was adopted that a formal resolution of appreciation be sent to the Portland Convention Committee for their work in putting on the Convention. (Motion by CARSON, [Wash.]).

An invitation from Nashua, N. H. for next year's Convention was declared out of order, as no written credentials were submitted. The declarer of the invitation, ELIOT A. CARTER expressed his regret, and said that Nashua would be back again next year with all its papers in order to ask for the 1939 Convention.

Invitation from Providence, R. I. Chapter, and letters of sponsorship from the state and city, chamber of commerce and veteran bodies was read; following which JERRY O'LEARY, Acting Chm. of the Providence Convention Committee spoke of the advantages of Providence, notable among which was that the cost of the Convention has already been underwritten by a public-spirited citizen. Amid cheers, it was unanimously voted to hold the 1938 Convention in Providence. With true YD sportsmanship, the motion was made by ELIOT CARTER of Nashua, and seconded by GEORGE M. FRENCH of Nashua.

The solid gold Past National President's medal was pinned on the breast of AL HERMAN's coat by his close friend Captain BILL WHITNEY of Al's own Norwalk, Connecticut Chapter; who came through in form by kissing the recipient on both cheeks, to the roaring cheers of all. Two other Past National Presidents' medals were to be presented, but GEORGE W. TWOMBLY, President in 1924-25 was in California, and through a mistake, it was believed that Past President RALPH M. EASTMAN (1925-26) was not in the hall. His medal was later pinned on in his room, in a semi-official ceremony by President AL HERMAN.

There being no further business, the Convention recessed subject to the call of the chair, at 11:40 A.M., and adjourned without meeting at midnight, Sunday, June 27.

NEW CHARTERS PRESENTED

Four charters were presented to four new Chapters at the Portland Convention, all of which were chartered by the National Executive Committee on June 2, 1937. They were: Missouri Chapter, with headquarters in St. Louis; Springfield, Vermont Chapter; Chittenden County, Vermont Chapter, with headquarters in Burlington; and Skowhegan, Maine Chapter. President ARTHUR W. SMITH of Springfield, Vermont Chapter came to the platform to accept the charter; and President WALTER G. LESSARD of Skowhegan Chapter. No one was in attendance to receive the other two, which were subsequently mailed.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE YD VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Portland Convention elected the following National Officers of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association for the ensuing year. Only one office was contested, that of service officer, and ERNEST C. PARENT defeated THOMAS SCOTT by a vote of 51 to 48.

National President: A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE (101st F. A.) (Lynn Chapter, Department of Massachusetts.)

National Chaplain: The Reverend CHARLES K. IMBRIE (104th Inf.) (Member-at-Large, Department of United States.)

National Treasurer: L. H. REDFIELD (101st Engrs.) (Boston Chapter, Department of Massachusetts.)

National Judge Advocate: C. BIRD KEACH (103rd F. A.) (Providence Chapter, Department of Rhode Island.)

National Historian: LEROY E. CODDING (103rd Inf.) (Keene Chapter, Department of New Hampshire.)

National Sergeant-at-Arms: JOSEPH M. PERRY (101st F. A.) (Portland Chapter, Department of Maine.)

National Americanism Officer: HARRY W. BUGBEE (104th Inf.) (Member-at-Large, Department of Vermont.)

National Service Officer: ERNEST C. PARENT (104th Inf.) (Worcester Chapter, Department of Mass.)

National Vice-President for Maine: JAMES FRED SHAW (103rd Inf.) (Lewiston Chapter, Department of Maine.)

National Vice-President for New Hampshire: EARLE L. WILLIAMS (103rd F. A.) (Nashua Chapter, Department of New Hampshire.)

National Vice-President for Vermont: ARTHUR W. SMITH (101st Engrs.) (Springfield Chapter, Department of Vermont.)

National Vice-President for Massachusetts: CLYDE O. ELLIOTT (102nd F. A.) (Worcester Chapter, Department of Massachusetts.)

National Vice-President for Rhode Island: HOWARD W. HUNT (103rd F. A.) (Providence Chapter, Dep't. of Rhode Island.)

National Vice-President for Connecticut: JOSEPH J. CUNNINGHAM (102nd Inf.) (Waterbury Chapter, Department of Connecticut.)

National Vice-President for United States: JOHN W. MORGAN (New York Chapter, Department of United States.)

Three Additional Members of National Executive Committee: PETER SADY (104th Inf.) (Detroit Chapter, Dep't. of U. S.); EDWARD C. MALEY (104th Inf.) (Springfield Chapter, Dep't. of Mass.); FRANK P. LEE (102nd Inf.) (New Haven Chapter, Dep't. of Conn.).

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT PORTLAND

There were six resolutions in all presented to the Portland Convention. A proposed seventh one was declared out of order as a resolution as it could rightfully be considered only as a Constitutional Amendment, namely the proposal to limit the tenure of office of a National President to one term. And an amendment, to be in order has to be published in YANKEE DOINGS in advance of the Convention.

The six resolutions, with the report of the Resolutions Committee, comprised of Chairman BENJAMIN PITMAN of New York; JOSEPH GAUTHIER of Worcester; and DAVID B. HERMAN of Washington, and the ultimate action of the Convention, follow:

Resolution No. 1

Presented by JERRY O'LEARY, Providence Chapter.

Whereas the State of Rhode Island furnished 28,000 men to the armed forces of the Government during the World War, and a majority of these men now need medical attention, and hospitalization, and to get the same they must travel a considerable distance, into another state, which not only works a hardship on the veteran, but on his family as well.

Be it resolved that the Yankee Division Veterans' Association in convention assembled this 25th day of June, 1937, in Portland, Maine, go on record as favoring the Greene-Forand Bill now before Congress.

And be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to every Senator and Congressman from New England, and ask them to support this bill.

Recommendation of Committee: That this be approved.

Action of Convention: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 2

Presented by PHILIP N. SANBORN, Boston Chapter.

This resolution, condemning violence by either or both sides in labor and capital disputes, and calling upon the agencies of government to exercise fair play both in the interest of the right to strike and the right to work, preserving the guarantee offered by the Constitution; was withdrawn by the maker, in conference with the Resolutions Committee, as not being in the best interests of the Y.D.V.A., no matter whether adopted or rejected, as violent differences of opinion might be expected on such a subject. The maker of the resolution agreed with the Resolutions Committee that the interest of the organization should be paramount, and withdrew the resolution.

Resolution No. 3

Submitted by Springfield Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

The YD Club of Springfield hereby wish to endorse Mr. ERNEST PARENT as Service Officer for the fiscal year 1937. Each Chapter calling upon Mr. Parent for services are to pay any expenses he may incur in rendering assistance to any particular Chapter until such time that the National Executive Committee find ways and means of absorbing his expenses.

Report of Committee: The endorsement of a candidate for office is not a proper function of this Committee. This endorsement is not properly a resolution, and should not have been made in the form of a resolution.

Action of Convention: Committee report approved.

Resolution No. 4

Presented by LEONARD J. MALONEY, New Haven Chapter.

Resolved that every Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association sponsor in its community a Memorial of some kind in memory of our beloved commander, Major General CLARENCE RANSON EDWARDS, and

Be it further resolved that each Department of the Y.D.V.A. in the New England states take such steps as are necessary to perpetuate in fitting manner, in their respective states, the memory of General EDWARDS.

Report of Committee: That this be approved.

Action of Convention: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 5

Submitted by Lynn Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

Whereas the Nation, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Y.D.V.A. have suffered an irreparable loss in the sudden and untimely death of Congressman WILLIAM P. CONNERY, JR. and

Whereas American Veteran Associations and American Labor have lost a great champion and a tireless worker for their interests: be it

Resolved that this 1937 Annual Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association, now in session at Portland, Maine, hereby salutes the memory of their late buddy, WILLIAM P. CONNERY, JR., and expresses its most sincere sympathy to his widow and family in their great loss, and be it further

Resolved that there sentiments be spread upon the minutes of this Convention, and that copies thereof be sent to Mrs. Connery, and that all Chapters of the Y.D.V.A. drape their charters for a period of 30 days.

Lynn Chapter, Y.D.V.A.,
HAROLD W. CROWELL,
EDMUND J. CALLAHAN,
MICHAEL GAROFANO.

Report of Committee: That this be approved.

Action of Convention: Resolution adopted.

Resolution No. 6

This was a very long resolution submitted by the Department of Connecticut, and adopted by that body. It is far too long to print here in its entirety. The report of the Committee and the action of the Convention will explain the content of the resolution.

Report of Committee: This resolution, presented by the Department of Connecticut, which condemns Communism and any other anti-American forces is certainly well meant and in general line with the staunch patriotism which characterizes the spirit of the Y.D.V.A. However, it is extremely accusative in many details, too far-reaching in its scope, and it seeks to deny many rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. It is therefore the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee that the following Resolution be substituted for it. The Committee believes that equal results will

be accomplished by this substitution without laying the YD Veterans' Association open to criticism.

Suggested substitute Resolution:

Whereas there is evidence of rapidly increasing Communistic activity in this country, and

Whereas it is the opinion of a large proportion of the citizens of the country that a too tolerant attitude toward these activities is being taken by the Federal and State governments, and

Whereas there is the possibility that this too tolerant attitude may result in the destruction of cherished American institutions and of the democratic ideals for which we, as members of the Yankee Division fought and died, therefore

Be it resolved that the Y.D.V.A. go on record in favor of the proper and courageous enforcement of the present laws defending the country and its institutions against seditious and hostile movements of all sorts, and for the passage of such laws as will prevent subversive activities against the Constitution and established government of the United States of America, its ideals and principles, and against the common weal, these statutes to be within the purvue and scope laid down by the United States Supreme Court in the case of "United States versus Gitlow."

Action of Convention: Committee report accepted. Substitute Resolution adopted.

AWARD OF TROPHIES FOR ACHIEVEMENT

Three trophies were awarded for outstanding achievement at the Portland Convention.

The first was a silver cup, to be awarded by Worcester Chapter to the Chapter which (a) was in existence at the time of the Worcester (1936) Convention, and which (b) showed the greatest percentage of increase in its membership between the opening of the Worcester Convention, and the opening of the Portland Convention.

By the carefully checked tabulation of figures made by the Secretary, this cup was awarded to Springfield, Mass. Chapter, with 310.5% of its membership one year before. President Henry Roux of Springfield received the cup from the hands of Secretary Ted Noyes of Worcester.

The second was also a silver cup, this presented by Windham County, Connecticut Chapter to the individual who, during the year from the opening of the Worcester Convention to the opening of the Portland Convention, had by his own individual effort, secured the greatest number of NEW members.

From the compiled figures, all of which had been checked with the membership records, it was apparent there was a tie. Two men had each secured an even 60 new members. They were: Harry E. Sherman, President of Marlboro, Mass. Chapter, and John B. Dwyer, President of Haverhill, Mass. Chapter. President Gardiner H. Hall of Windham County, Chapter, the donors, was called to the platform and the decision put up to him. He announced that an identical cup would be given each man, to the great applause of everyone. To dispose of the one cup on hand, a toss of a coin was decided upon, and Sherman was the winner.

The third was a beautiful sculptured silver trophy, the General Clarence R. Edwards Trophy for Civic Achievement, donated by Past National President Len Maloney. It was awarded to Washington, D. C. Chapter, for the excellence of their loyalty and devotion in attending and decorating the graves of General Edwards and YD comrades in Arlington National Cemetery, and laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, every Armistice and Decoration Day. President David B. Herman received the trophy from the hands of Past National President Maloney.

PAST PRESIDENTS' GOLD MEDALS PRESENTED

Solid gold Past National Presidents' medals were cast for presentation this year to three past presidents, in accordance with custom followed in recent years. The three to receive the medal were:

Albert W. Herman (1936-1937).
George W. Twombly (1924-1925).
Ralph M. Eastman (1925-1926).

Presidents Herman and Eastman received their medals in Portland. (See "Resume of Business Transacted at Portland Convention"). Incidentally, Ralph Eastman immediately proceeded to lose his, but it was found and will be presented to him a second time (informally) this coming fall.

PROVIDENCE NEXT YEAR

Here we are just trying to catch our breath from one Convention, and down in Providence they're working like beavers on the next one! That's the way it goes.

Yes, in 1938 the YD goes to Providence. And as JERRY O'LEARY says: "The first Convention was in Providence (1931) and the BEST one is going to be there, too."

Of course, you'll say, they all say that. But give ear for a minute and then figure it out for yourself. Before a finger has been lifted to lay out a program for next year, these Providence boys have a cool twenty grand in the satchel! Now tie that one if you can! Yes sir, a Rhode Island man (we'll let his name out of the bag as soon as we're given the O.K. by Providence) has guaranteed to under-write expenses up to $20,000.00. And if that alone isn't the biggest makin's of the biggest Convention ever, then what is?

But it takes more than cash, says you. Right. And the Providence Chapter has got that "more" that it takes. They're a bunch of hard-headed, two-fisted, big-hearted sons of so-and-so. They're familiar with a city that does things in a big town way. A large proportion of them are successful business men themselves, and they know there is only one proof of the succes of ANY project, be it a Convention or business, and that is the balance sheet.

Next, take Providence's location. Just as near New England's population center as Worcester was, with the added advantage of being at the head of Narragansett Bay, with scores of beaches nearby. In fact the talk is that they want a four-day convention instead of three days. For reasons which will be explained later, it MAY be advisable to hold it late in May instead of in June. We hope not, but we're not sure. You have to play ball with a twenty grand sugar daddy.

THOSE WHO RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

It would take more space than DOINGS can give to tell in detail the exact achievement of each of the 90 men and women who were awarded the Certificate of Meritorious Service at Portland. Many of them were for excellent work done in building up membership; others for work done on the Convention Committee; still others — non-YD men and women — for helpful friendship cheerfully given.

The list of awards is given below. Those who were present received their certificate at the business meeting. All others were forwarded by mail.

Harry J. S. Ainscow, Howard J. Akerley, James W. Armeson, Gov. Lewis O. Barrows, Owen P. Benton, Walter B. Boardman, Ex-Gov. Louis J. Brann, Dennis Brunton, Clarence A. Bush, Ralph A. Butland, Byron G. Carson, Eliot A. Carter, Leroy E. Codding, Gen. Charles H. Cole, Laurence H. Cook, Raymond G. Cook, John J. Costello, Thomas F. Crokan, Harold W. Crowell, Walter D. Crowell.

Robert B. Dickson, Hon. Cornelius P. Donovan, William W. Dresner, Eugene Dugas, John B. Dwyer, Ralph M. Eastman, Jesse C. Farnum, John R. Feegel, Louis W. Fenner, Fred H. Flahaven, Francis L. Foley, (Posthumous).

Arthur M. Foote, George M. French, Charles M. Gardner, Nate D. Golden, Sen. Frederick Hale, Royal K. Hayes, David B. Herman, Mrs. Sue Herman, Fred Hirsch, Miss Elsie Janis, C. Bird Keach, Mrs. Bertha Kenney, Thomas J. Kennon, Joseph J. Laffey, John J. Lee, Walter G. Lessard, Laurence Lindgren, Fletcher B. Long, William E. Love, Ray MacNicholl, Edwin M. Mara, Walter Mills, George K. Mitchell, Calvin Morrell, William T. Mulcahey.

Arthur B. Nelson, Michael P. O'Connor, Jacob Olsen, Edward O'Meara, Ernest C. Parent, Joseph M. Perry, Clayton H. Pevear, John J. Phelan, Bertrand F. Pingree, Capt. Nils I. Poulsen, Dr. L. L. Powell, Henry Pukallus, Raymond J. Queenin, Anthony J. Rock.

Peter Sady, John H. Schultze, Gen. John H. Sherburne, Harry E. Sherman, Arthur W. Smith, Harold J. Smith, Frederick T. Stone, Col. Malcolm L. Stoddard, John H. Strong, William L. Sullivan, David Swartz, Emile Thibault, R. Allen Usher, Elton P. Walker, Henry W. Washburn, Jr., H. Guy Watts, Capt. William H. Whitney, Earle L. Williams, Percy R. W. Witham, Lieut. George J. Woods.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

Two amendments to the Constitution of the Y.D.V.A. were adopted at the Portland Convention.

The first makes all duly elected Presidents of chartered Chapters voting members of the National Executive Committee.

The second makes all Past National Presidents of the Association voting members of the National Executive Committee, provided they are at the time members in good standing.

The effect of these amendments remain to be seen. One thing is evident, an increase of work and expense in notifying approximately 85 men instead of 19 of each Executive Committee meeting. It is to be doubted if attendance will be materially increased; and by order of the National President, any chapter not represented at three consecutive meetings will no longer be sent notices.

A proposed amendment, submitted by Valley Chapter (Conn.) was received by the National Secretary too late to be acted upon, as the Constitution provides that proposed amendments must be published in YANKEE DOINGS in advance of the Convention. This proposed amendment sought to restore to Chapters the right to elect Honorary and Associate members of their own Chapter only.

STATISTICAL

DOINGS hasn't the report of the Portland Convention Committee as to how many registered, nor their financial statement either. Judging solely on appearances, there weren't as many YD men in town as there were in Worcester in 1936 or New Haven in 1935. But there were more than in Concord in 1933 or Rutland in 1934, and about the same number as Portland in 1932.

It isn't hard to understand the falling off in attendance from one year ago. Worcester was a "natural" in every sense of the word: the bonus had just been paid, and the city was in the population center of New England. Portland had not only these two handicaps to combat, being further away, and the fellows having less spending money, but also the fact that the big Legion National Convention this fall is to be in New York, and a lot of men, able to take in only one Convention a year cast their lot with New York and regretfully cut out Portland.

But the crowd made up in liveliness anything it may have lacked in numbers (there must have been over 2000 there at that), and one didn't have to look long to find some fun.

THE CLAMBAKE

Now we aren't the best person in the world to describe the clambake at Fort McKinley on Great Diamond Island. And that for two reasons: we were only there about a half-hour, and we didn't eat any lobster or clams. Not that they didn't look inviting enough, but after having polished off the better part of a turkey aboard the destroyer Schenck, with all the fixin's and a piece of pie; we couldn't get interested over the finest lobster that ever swam.

But by the look of the mess line and the heaped-up plates, plus the certified affidavit of one comrade that "Pop-eye" HARNISH had just finished his sixth and was in line for another — they must have been good.

Over in one corner of the field D Company, 101st Engineers' band was ripping off the old tunes; in the gutter edging the road down the hill, one comrade, minus shoes and socks, was communing with his inner spirit in a deep and unbreakable coma; all around the drill field men and women were standing or sitting, up to their shoulders in clams and lobsters; overhead rolled clouds of sea-fog.

And what else is there to tell? There were seconds and thirds for hardy souls. Those who were cold sober were a bit blue around the gills from the east wind; those with the foresight to take some early preventive measures were still singing as vociferously, but somewhat more hoarsely than on Friday night.

The trip down and back on the boat was excellent training for any who contemplate going with Admiral Byrd on his next projected Antarctic expedition. But there were lots of laughs and stories and songs and all were in good humor. The Convention was over and we'd had our fun.

UNIFORMS IN PORTLAND

From a look around in any direction at Portland one would have thought a combination of a rodeo and a convention of Tyrolese bell ringers was in town. There was about every kind of a uniform ever seen on view one place or another: YD uniforms, legion uniforms, V.F.W. uniforms, army O.D., a sort of longshoreman's dungarees worn by the Washington Chapter, overseas "helmets" by New York, the Salem auxiliary in their charming blue capes, drum corps and drill teams in every hue of the rainbow, and hundreds of bozoes in just plain "clo's". And these without mentioning the tricky "horribles" get-ups, Kate Smith's, Salem witches, etc., etc.

THE DRUM CORPS CONTEST

There never was a much drearier sight than the Portland stadium on Saturday afternoon after the parade as the Drum Corps competitions were about to commence. Rain, which had held off during the entire parade, began falling in a soaking, cold drizzle; the bleachers which would have been filled with spectators on a bright sunny day harbored a few groups of disconsolate spectators holding folded-up newspapers over their heads, some shivering in shirt-sleeves and light-weight clothing.

However, the show went on, and hats off to the plucky and determined men and boys and girls who went out there and strutted their stuff.

Prize winners were as follows:

Senior Drum Corps

First Prize — Philip Tighe Post, Biddeford, Maine.

Second Prize — Old Dorchester Post, Dorchester, Mass.

Junior Drum Corps

First Prize — Suffolk County, Sons of the V.F.W., Boston, Mass.

Second Prize — Harold T. Andrews Squadron, Sons and Daughters of A. L., Portland, Me.

Bands

First Prize — First Corps of Cadets, Boston, Mass.

Drill Teams

First Prize — Lynn Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

Best Drum Major (Senior) — Arthur F. Chappell, (Old Dorchester Post).

Best Drum Major (Junior) — Maureen Maloney, Andrews Squadron, (Portland).

The drill team was picked for its performance in the parade, not at the stadium, where it was not required to appear.

Despite the gloomy skies, the corps and bands played and marched splendidly and for those who had the temerity to remain and watch, the colorful spectacle was well worth the slight discomfort.

Captain OSCAR BOHLIN and MARK KING acted as judges.

GENERAL EDWARDS' GRAVE TO BE SUITABLY MARKED

At the Worcester Convention in 1936, it was voted that if the executor of the will of the late General EDWARDS, (which provided that a certain sum of money be used to mark his grave) did not take some action within six months to carry out that clause of the will, that the Yankee Division Veterans' Association would undertake to raise the money (perhaps between $1500 and $2000), and seek permission of the cemetery authorities to erect the monument themselves. It was further voted that the same committee be reappointed to carry out this project.

No action was taken by the executor during the six months, so the vote at Worcester automatically takes effect.

At Portland, General COLE, Chairman of the Committee expressed his willingness and that of his committee members to carry out the mandate of the Worcester Convention, and recommended that the committee be enlarged by the addition of one member from each chartered Chapter of the YD Veterans' Association.

His recommendations were approved. Letters are being sent to each chapter asking that a man be appointed to serve on the committee. The advice of Mrs. Charles Otis, of Cleveland, the sister of General EDWARDS is being sought as to whether the contemplated action meets with her approval.

There will be more in DOINGS later.

THE NATIONAL OFFICERS DINNER

The Portland Convention Committee wa host to the National Officers of the YD Veterans' Association, distinguished officers of the war-time Division, and the officers of the destroyer Schenck, at a lobster dinner in the Hotel Lafayette on Friday evening of the Convention.

Every one in the room was called upon to speak by the device of introducing the man on his right. This process brought forth some snappy repartee when a YD man and a naval officer happened to be sitting next to one another.

The principal speakers were (from memory only, we took no notes), National President AL HERMAN, National President-elect RAY DOUCETTE, General COLE, General SHERBURNE, Adjutant General of Maine JIM HANSON, Parade Chairman Lt. George Woods.

Among the National officers present, in addition to the outgoing and incoming Presidents, were: Chaplain-elect, the Reverend CHARLES K. IMBRIE of Newburgh, N. Y.; Treasurer LEA REDFIELD; Secretary PHIL SANBORN; V.P. for Maine E. P. WALKER; V.P. for U. S. WALTER CROWELL of Chicago; Judge Advocate C. BIRD KEACH. Among others present were Col. FRANCIS LOGAN, Dr. WILLIAM H. BLANCHARD, Col. MALCOLM L. STODDARD, OWEN P. BENTON, Chm. of the Convention Committee, and a numbers of others.

It was, all in all, a delightful meeting, excellent food, short and witty speeches.

THE PARADE

As always, the big parade on Saturday afternoon was the outstanding highlight of the Portland Convention. And while it may be true — the fact *is* true that the YD has had bigger conventions, it never has put on a snappier or better or more colorful parade. The lion's share of the credit must be given to Lieut. GEORGE WOODS, chairman of the parade committee, who for months has brought his plans nearer and nearer completion, laboring week in and week out on each last detail, with the result that the finished performance was flawless.

This year, for the first time, both the outgoing and the incoming President of the Y.D. V.A. was given a place of honor; AL HERMAN riding in the first car, with the Honorary Marshal, Col. FRANK M. HUME, and taking his place in the reviewing stand in front of City Hall, from which position he, together with Governor Barrows and his uniformed staff, two veterans of the G.A.R., and officers of the destroyer Schenck reviewed the entire parade; while President-elect RAY DOUCETTE was marshal of the YD division of the parade, with a uniformed staff of National officers, including Sgt.-at-Arms DENNIS BRUNTON, Treas. LEA REDFIELD, Sec. PHIL SANBORN, Historian RAY KINCAID, Judge Advocate BIRD KEACH, and Ass't. Sgt.-at-Arms MIKE O'CONNOR. This group fell out at the end of the line of march and reviewed their own division as it passed by.

The following account of the parade, as seen from the City Hall reviewing stand, is taken from the Portland *Sunday Telegram:*

A natty, light-hearted Yankee Division marched for 55 minutes through downtown Portland Saturday afternoon — nearly 5,000 strong, counting the military and other ex-service units with them as escort groups.

Behind the automobiles bearing Gov. Barrows and the other officials to the reviewing stand, came the long, long line, headed by Police Chief Ralph D. Brooks and a blue-coated, white-gloved platoon of Portland's "finest."

Up at the head of the parade rolled an automobile bearing the parade marshal, Lieut. George J. Woods, and Col. FRANK M. HUME, former collector of Customs.

Crowds Pack Streets

Crowds packed Congress Street sidewalks, overflowing into the street, as the boys who fought for New England and "Daddy" EDWARDS 20 years ago came rollicking along, company after company, in their blue berets and powder-hued uniforms.

In khaki contrast to the blue-uniformed police came the parade's first service unit, a small detachment of R. O. T. C. officers; next, the commanders of local and nearby Legion posts; a Red Cross truck, then the procession's first bit of hilarity — a YD girl pushing a baby carriage in which sat a second girl, taking the parade at her ease, to the crowd's huge enjoyment.

Fifth Infantry Band And Men

The Fifth Infantry Band swung smartly past the reviewing stand behind its color guard. Following the band came soldiers of the Fifth, in battalion formation.

Sea service was next in line, represented by a detachment from the visiting destroyer, a detachment from the Coast Guard cutter Algonquin, and the white-uniformed men of the Portland Naval Reserves. Portland High School Cadets followed the reservists.

Men of South Portland's Stewart P. Morrill Post, American Legion, were next in line, and following them marched the snappy drum corps of the Boston YD Sons of Veterans, Post No. 1, to execute a brief maneuver before the reviewing stand.

Along they came: Jacob Cousins Post, Jewish War Veterans, Portland; the Morrill Post Junior Drum Corps; the R. C. Owen Post, Saco, and its drum corps; the color guard of Kora Temple, order of the Mystic Shrine, and its smartly marching Legion of Honor commanded by Capt. Franklin P. Spencer of Westbrook.

Next came Portland Chapter No. 1, Disabled Veterans, followed by a huge bus lent by the Greyhound Lines, bearing other disabled men who fought for democracy in France; Philip Tighe Post, American Legion, of Biddeford and its drum corps which placed third recently in a National drum corps competition.

Commander HENRY C. HERSEY and past commanders of Ralph C. Caldwell Post, Woodfords, swung past the stand, followed by the blue-uniformed Boys' Band of Dover-Foxcroft.

Andrews Post Musicians

The red-and-white uniformed youngsters of the Harold T. Andrews Post swung down the street behind its smartly stepping, diminutive drum major, Maureen Maloney. Commander

PATRICK E. KILMARTIN of Andrews Post, and the Andrews men themselves.

The blue-coated Ralph D. Caldwell Post Drum Corps came on, with drums beating smartly, followed by the Caldwell Post membership; then the drum corps of Arthur Stowell Squadron, Sons of the Legion, of Freeport.

The Yankee Division

Heading the YD Division — the third division of the parade, marched President-elect RAY DOUCETTE and his staff, described in the opening paragraphs. Each of the seven departments of the Association, was headed by its own President, the first place being given to the Department of the United States, its chapters being at the greatest distance from Portland. This group was headed by WALTER CROWELL of Chicago, and first place in line was held by a lone California veteran, GUNNAR GUSTAFSON, who, although he comes from Oakland, upheld California's honor by proudly bearing the placard of Los Angeles Chapter, and receiving applause all along the line. Denver and St. Louis, which were to have been the next in line were not represented, and CROWELL of Chicago couldn't represent both Chicago Chapter and the V.P. for the Department at the same time. However, Washington, D. C. and New York City each had a large delegation, although Detroit was missing for the first time in years, and Cleveland also was without a representative.

The other Departments of the Association marched in the order: Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine. The position of chapters in each department was decided by their growth in membership during the past year. But let the Telegram's reporter tell it as he saw it (we were just marching):

Directly behind President-elect DOUCETTE and his staff came the Florence Rangers Band of Gardner, Mass., and a solitary YD man from Los Angeles, Calif., marching alone and winning applause all along the line.

Washington, D. C. and then New York YD unit, all in white from helmets to heels, made a striking appearance. Behind them came the long Connecticut unit, headed by department officers. Hartford Chapter swung past the reviewers. Then a plump and red-faced Yankee, be-wigged and gowned in the "height" of feminine fashion, swung out of line to shake hands with Gov. Barrows. On his chest hung a placard announcing the party was none other than "Kate Smith." The crowd got a kick out of his antics.

Connecticut Participants

Smart and snappy was the Anderson-Shea Post, V. F. W., fife and drum corps of Manchester, Conn., in neat blue uniforms. Behind them came the Norwalk, Conn., color guard and YD chapter; the Stamford, Conn., color guard; then D Company, 101st U. S. Engineers, in semi-"10 gallon" hats, to maneuver before the reviewing stand behind their drum corps.

Next came the Rhode Island Department, headed by the big Providence Post No. 26, and its championship drum corps of 1932, '33, '34.

The Boston junior drum corps, New England champions in 1935-36, was applauded as it swung along.

Boston Unit Applauded

All along the line, crowds applauded the Boston YD Memorial Club in its French Army type berets, and its Post No. 290 Drum Corps, in the grey steel helmet of the French poilu. Behind the drums marched the Boston YD, biggest unit from out of town in the long procession, keeping time with rat-tatting canes on the pavement. The 290 Post's snappy junior drum corps followed.

More men of Massachusetts came: the New Bedford YD chapter, behind its color guard; the Scout Harmony drum corps of the Worcester Sacred Heart Church — with two drum majors hoisting batons; Worcester Chapter; the red-coated Lynn YD drill team, executing smart maneuvers before the reviewing stand; the Salem YD unit, with a plump Salem "witch" in the vanguard, leading a tiny dog on a leash, presumably as pinch-hitter for the witch's black cat; then the Salem YD Auxiliary, who call themselves all "Salem Witches" and carry toy brooms for atmosphere; then the Fitchburg and Plymouth, Mass., delegations.

New Hampshire followed, with units from Keene, Concord, Manchester and Nashua, and behind them came the Vermont Department, smallest of the six New England sections, but with plenty of spirit. "As Maine goes," shouted one Vermont stalwart, passing Gov. Barrows, "so goes the Nation."

The Portland YD Club's cannoneers — half a dozen jubilant Yankees hauling a murderous-looking "cannon" which boomed lustily at every halt, led the Portland and Maine YD men, making up the longest detachment in the hour-long procession. Billy Van, YD convention comedian, and a Boy Scout detachment, brought up the rear.

Naturally, the reporter didn't get it all. Many a YD Chapter not mentioned was there,

in fact, it is doubtful if there was a single one of the 51 chapters in New England not represented. Connecticut particularly made a grand show all of their own, with hundreds in YD uniforms, Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport, Bristol, New Haven, and all the rest. And many Massachusetts chapters, not mentioned by name, Springfield, Haverhill, Lowell and all the others, were in there doing their stuff.

So don't feel that you have been slighted. A parade is a darned hard thing to describe. Your reporter only saw snatches of it: he was just one marching part of it most of the time. That's why he depended on the newspaper account.

It was a grand parade, just about the best one, or (hold that brick, Worcester and New Haven!) ONE OF the best ones ever.

THE NAVY TOOK US OVER AND THE NAVY BROUGHT US BACK

This issue wouldn't be complete without a salute and a toast to Cap'n G. E. Nold and his gallant tars of the U. S. destroyer "Schenck," brought to Portland, through the courtesy of U. S. Senator Frederick Hale for the YD Convention. Now there was a bunch of seafaring men that could "take it" and give back just as much. Sure, they had to stand a lot of kidding from "the army," especially at the national officers dinner on Friday evening. But leave it to the skipper, and his four junior officers to come back with a million-dollar smile and a wise crack that left a laugh but no sting.

Only a few probably had the opportunity to be Captain Nold's guests aboard the destroyer, but those lucky few found it an experience not to be forgotten. As a host it would be hard to find his equal.

On Saturday during the parade, the captain invited President Al Herman and Mrs. Herman for "a little lunch" aboard the destroyer Sunday afternoon. Al graciously invited your reporter to come along to. Just as we were hopping off from the Lafayette in a taxi, Fred Brown and Mrs. Brown of New York stepped over to say good-bye. The sudden appearance of a troublesome comrade with too much under his belt caused Al to ask Fred and his wife to hop in so we could drive away a bit, with the result they too joined the party. On board we found Walter Crowell and Mrs. Crowell of Chicago, and the "little lunch" turned out to be a full course turkey dinner! Need it be added a great time was had by all.

The detachment from the Schenck was one of the highlights in Saturday's parade.

MEMBERSHIP CITATIONS AWARDED

Three engraved Citations for accomplishment in the membership drive last winter and spring (From January 1 to March 31) were awarded at the Portland Convention.

The first was awarded to Hartford Chapter, and read: Out of 54 Chapters throughout the country, Hartford Chapter signed up the greatest number of new members, a total of 73 new members. This was received by President Joseph Foley of Hartford.

The second was awarded to Rutland, Vermont Chapter, and read: Out of 54 Chapters, Rutland Chapter increased its membership by the greatest percentage, a total increase of 125%. This was received by President Arthur M. Foote of Rutland.

The third was awarded to Marshall Donald Leach Chapter of Terryville-Thomaston, Conn., and read: Out of 54 Chapters throughout the country, Marshall Donald Leach Chapter renewed the membership, in advance of the beginning of the new fiscal year, of the largest percentage of its old members, a showing of 100%, including every known eligible man in its area. This was received by President Stanley Gosinski of Terryville Chapter.

The above quotations are not verbatim, but express essentially what was engraved on the citations.

104TH BANQUET AT PORTLAND CONVENTION

A Banquet of 104th men was held at a Roadhouse on Forrest Ave., Portland, on Saturday evening. Although not officially sanctioned by the Regimental Association, on account of there being no Officers of the Association present, twenty-five (25) were able to show up at the time set. A guarantee of 50 had been made and 50 lobster dinners were prepared. Everyone who was there agreed to double up on the price and have the extra lobster so it ended with all in a happy mood and a full stomach. It was the wish of all that more preparations be made next year for the 104th get-together as many did not know about it and would liked to have been there. All that is needed are a few signs put up in a few conspicuous places and a small Banquet Committee. There were at least three hundred 104th men at the Convention.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO GENERAL EDWARDS IN PORTLAND

On Sunday morning, at General EDWARDS Park, opposite the magnificent new Post Office in Portland, a granite monument, with bronze tablet to the memory of General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS, was unveiled and dedicated in an impressive ceremony by the Yankee Division Convention.

The stone was the gift of Mr. Bertrand F. Pingree of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, who was presented with the Certificate of Merit in recognition of this splendid act.

The U. S. Fifth Infantry Band furnished the music for the occasion, and the address was delivered by the Reverend CHARLES K. IMBRIE, Chaplain-elect of the YD Veterans' Association, who also delivered the benediction. Dr. IMBRIE told of General Edward's life and military career, and the esteem in which he was held by his men.

Other speakers were Gen. CHARLES H. COLE, National President ALBERT W. HERMAN, National President-elect RAYMOND DOUCETTE, and THOMAS J. KENNON, Executive Secretary of the Convention Committee, and the man largely responsible for the monument being placed.

PORTLAND WEATHER

At the business session held in the High School U. S. Representative Ralph O. Brewster thanked God, publicly and unashamed, that he had been able to get away from Washington for a cool week-end in Maine. Some of the thousands of YD men present might have wished God had been a little more moderate about it. It was cold, that's what it was; and a good deal of the time it was foggy and drizzly too. But heck, you can't hold that against the committee, nor for that matter against Portland — just a tough break, that's all. And with the exception of the sail down the harbor on Sunday, it didn't cramp the boys' style at all. The rain held off until after the parade was over, but the drum corps contests were held in a frigid drizzle.

MILT MAXIM of New York, seated in the uncovered bleachers summed up the "don't give a damn for the weather" spirit of the whole bunch, when he vowed he'd paid his registration and he was going to take in everything, even if he froze to his seat, which he confidently expected he would, to the extent that he asked your reporter to take a look the next time he came through Portland, and if he was still there to try to pry him loose.

THE OLD GAGS AND A FEW NEW ONES

All the old gags were perpetrated in Portland, including toy cannons, dropping an occasional bag of water from a hotel window, stopping trolley cars to wash the motorman's window and polish it, then motion him to proceed, card games in the middle of the street, etc.

But just to show that new ones can always be thought up were two we happened to see, and probably a dozen more we didn't. The first was the fella carrying a lighted red lantern: night and day he swung along with it. His chief delight was being stopped by every cop who asked to look at the lantern to see what city street department it had been stolen from. And the lantern was absolutely devoid of any lettering whatever: the bird had bought it some place with that very idea in mind. And were the cops' faces red!

The other was what was known in the old days as a cootie hunt, or a shirt-readin'. About midnight on Friday night, the casual passer-by, had he been so inclined, might have gazed upon a luckless wight, sitting on the curb-stone in the busiest part of Congress Street, in the pouring rain, stripped to the waist, busily "reading his shirt," picking off the imaginery cooties, "snapping" them and tossing them into the gutter.

OLD OUTFIT REUNION DINNERS

We can't tell you much about the reunion dinners of the old regiments held at the Portland Convention. And this for two reasons. First, we attended only one — our own, and were in no condition to report even that one. And second, if they were all like that one, and were reported truthfully, we'd have the postal inspectors down on us for breaking the postal laws and regulations.

The Engineer Reunion at the Falmouth on Saturday night was a wow. In fact it was a couple of wows — a whole row of wows! Between periods of utter oblivion, during which we have NO idea what was going on, we do recall coming to every now and then, and if the pictures we THINK we saw on the screen, and the ladies we THOUGHT we saw doing the things we SEEMED TO SEE them doing — were actual facts, not the pictorial ravings of a besotted mind, then it WAS a party.

Alas, no more of that.

As to the other reunions, they may have been good. We promised to visit two or three, but gosh knows where we did end up that night.

—P.N.S.

ATTENTION ALL YD MEN PLANNING TO ATTEND AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION IN NEW YORK DURING SEPTEMBER!

The Headquarters for all YD men will be Hotel Winthrop, Lexington Avenue and 47th Street, New York City. Headquarters will be open from 9:30 A. M., Sunday, September 19th through Thursday, September 23d until 6:00 P. M. This headquarters is for your convenience for general information, registration of all YD men and such other assistance as we may be able to give you in locating friends, etc. We urge all YD men to register with us for their own convenience.

A banquet will be held on Monday evening, September 20th at 7:00 P. M. in the Roger Smith Restaurant (one of the best in New York). Reservations accompanied by your check or money order should be mailed at your early convenience to HARRY A. BURT, Treasurer, 594 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. The cost is $2.50 per plate and will be a stag affair. You may bring friends who are not YD men if you so desire and reservations have been made for them. All reservations should be in the hands of HARRY A. BURT not later than September 15th. Your reservation will be acknowledged very promptly.

OUR NEXT NUMBER

American Legion National Convention

The September Number of YANKEE DOINGS will be a Special Legion National Convention Number. New York Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. has, with the sort of loyalty for which they are famous, volunteered to do their utmost to meet the entire cost of publishing the issue by securing advertising in and around New York city, both among their own members and others. They naturally cannot guarantee in advance that they will secure enough advertising to meet the entire cost, but they're going to come as close to it as they can.

As about everyone knows, the Legion National Convention, the nation's biggest show, is going to be in New York this year. The dates are September 20, 21, 22, and 23. Every world war veteran that can hobble or borrow a pair of crutches is going to be there. If any one doubts that this will mark the American Legion's all-time high in Conventions, let him read the Legion Monthly. What a show! In what a town!

And here is Gotham right at the back door of Yankeeland. (We know no New Yorker would approve of that statement, but it's so just the same.) There will be more YD men in New York than there have been at any Legion Convention since Boston in 1930. It wouldn't be at all surprising if there were more than even at one of our own YD Conventions.

And the YD is all set for the rush. New York Chapter is making plans for getting the YD crowd together: there will be a YD headquarters and strictly YD good times. As advertised in the Legion Monthly, under coming reunions, this will be a second YD reunion in one year.

But we don't want to talk too much about it here, because the special September issue will give you the whole advance story, furnished by the fellas doing the job, the New York Chapter, Y.D.V.A. It is planned to have the magazine in the readers' hands not later than September 10, a full two weeks earlier than the usual date.

So WATCH FOR THE SPECIAL LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION NUMBER OF YANKEE DOINGS.

WILLIAM PATRICK CONNERY, JR.
"Billy"

Death struck a heavy blow — to millions of World War veterans — to countless thousands of friends who had clasped his hand and seen his smile — to a bereaved and heartbroken family — to the entire Yankee Division — to those who labor in factories, mills, shops and mines, to the city of Lynn, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the Nation, when on June 15th, it took Congressman BILLY CONNERY away in the very prime of his life.

He was truly a National figure. As chairman of the powerful House Committee on Labor, his every thought, as it always was in the case of veterans as well, was for the plight of the underdog — and for anything he could do to make it easier.

To tell all that might be told of BILLY CONNERY would take many complete issues of DOINGS. To us, he was always Billy, and woe to anyone of us who ever tried to call him anything else. Such rare qualities of ability, kindliness, humor, wit and humility seldom are combined in one man. No truer words were ever spoken than that he might have continued to represent his district in Congress time without end, unless he should have chosen to try for higher office.

We cannot paint his picture here: his graciousness, his never-ending fund of new stories, each funnier than the ones we had heard before, his sociability in no matter what sort of gathering, his utter simplicity and lack of "swank"; his songs and his pranks; his serious moments, when he thought and spoke, and worked for the weak, the weary, the poor, the discouraged. Democracy to him meant democracy, the equality of all men; and as its shining example he ever quoted New England's Yankee Division.

And it was these beloved pals of his who rallied closest to pay tribute to his memory in the sad days preceding and following the funeral services in Lynn.

The YD Club of Washington, together with dignitaries of the nation, and members of the family, had their place in the cortege which escorted his remains to the Union Station in the nation's capital.

Upon its arrival in Boston, the vast concourse of the South Station was lined with two silent rows of men at stiff attention, all the way from the track out onto the street — men of the Yankee Division, some in uniform, some not, Legionnaires, V.F.W. men, Spanish war veterans. And as the massed colors of the YD Club of Boston and the YD Club of Lynn, dipped, the red-coated drill team of the Lynn Club escorted the casket to the waiting hearse.

Lynn on Saturday, June 19, was as a city on Easter Sunday. Places of business were closed, mill wheels ceased to turn. From the gray hours of early morning, throngs arrived by train, by car, by bus, until the streets were filled, packed, as never before in the city's history. Military units, muted bands, massed colors, actually scores of them, thousands of marchers, paraded at solemn cadence from the house, almost lost from view in floral tributes which could not be placed within, to St. Mary's Church. Only a few could be admitted there. The Lynn YD Club, which had guarded the body, night and day, for 60 hours, had to limit its attendance to two members. Representatives were there from every veteran body in the state. President Roosevelt was represented by his son, James, and the Secretary of Labor, Madame Perkins, Congress by Senior Senator David I Walsh, and Junior Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, by Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers and other members of the lower house; the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by his Excellency Governor Charles F. Hurley; the military by the Adjutant General CHARLES H. COLE, and Division Commander Maj. Gen. DANIEL NEEDHAM. Scores of men and women, high in the councils of state and nation, of labor and veterandom, sat in hushed silence as solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated.

Came the long march to St. Mary's cemetery, troops in olive drab, bugles and drums, the great mass of flags, all massed at one point in the procession. The committal service, the volley of rifles, then the soldier's last farewell, the soft, sweet notes of Taps.

And of it all, we who were there with bowed heads, recall most vividly of all, the stricken widow, unable to stand at the grave, who watched, pale and wan from the funeral car, the brother, Larry, face drawn and tensed, and the little daughter, motionless until the bugles blew, then her paroxysm of anguish as she was gathered up in the arms of her uncle.

AMERICANISM BULLETIN

By Harry W. Bugbee
Director of Americanism, Y. D. V. A.

I am keenly conscious of the honor bestowed on me at Portland. Though I can hardly hope in some respects to keep the pace set by my predecessor, I shall strive wholeheartedly to serve the association to the best of my ability. I accept my election to the office as a tribute to my adopted state, Vermont, rather than to any special qualification of my own. Calvin Coolidge once said in effect: "If the traits that have made America great should die out everywhere else, they could be fully replenished from the hills and countrysides of old Vermont."

Two major perils confront America today. They wear very different faces, but they are in their essential nature strangely similar. Communism and Fascism — these two are the Scylla and Charybdis of the modern scene. The Odysseus of Democracy must steer his perilous course between their gaping jaws.

It is quite generally assumed that Communism is the chief foe that this country has to fear. Certainly the most resounding thunder comes from the Left. But it is from the Right that the most deadly bolts of politically destructive lightning are likely to proceed. The threat of Fascism is, in my judgment, far more imminent than that of Communism.

In his widely discussed book, "The Coming American Fascism," (Harper & Brothers, 1936) my old friend, Lawrence Dennis, now rated as one of the country's leading authorities on economics, blandly predicts that the United States will go Fascist in a very few years; and does so with the calm assurance that nothing could be more desirable! He is not alone among economists in this belief, but he is among the first to have the hardihood — not to say the brass — to admit it.

Advocates of either Fascism or Communism proceed on the totally fallacious assumption that a rigidly regimented state will be a blessing. Nothing could be more naive. We, service men, who recall only too distinctly how, even amid the grim necessity of war, we cussed at times under the restrictions of "this man's army," have no wish to become the robots of regimentation. Communism and Fascism are equally arbitrary, equally insidious, equally subversive of everything for which America stands. Every man who loves America or the freedom or true advancement of mankind must stand like adamant against these twin evils of the twentieth century world. Neither of these roads leads to real progress. Both are built over the bones of the common people. Both are definitely and precisely the bunk. But the press agents of one or both are going to put up a hell of a fight to get a strangle hold on the U. S. A. It is up to us to prevent it.

I shall have more to say along this line in my next bulletin.

THANKS, MY COMRADES

Words cannot express my appreciation to every YD man for the honors bestowed upon me at Portland on June 26th. It will be my supreme duty to "carry on" that dynamic spirit so ably started two years ago by my good friend, LEN MALONEY, and continued the past year by another good friend, AL HERMAN, two greats of the YD.

All I ask is for every YD man to work with me and help build a "Living Memorial" to "Daddy" EDWARDS and all our departed comrades.

Let us sign up every YD man in these United States for the Y.D.V.A. If this can be accomplished it will make my administration the happiest year of my life as a YD man. Let us set aside all grievances and work, one for all and all for one.

To all YD Chapters I send my greetings and if physically possible it will be my pleasure to visit each one the coming year. To my sick and disabled comrades, my sympathy goes out to you and your families and it is my hope that we can build up our financial standing so that some day we will be able to assist the deserving ones. Have faith and confidence in me, my comrades and I'll try and make you proud of your selection. Thanks a lot.

Your New National President,

—RAY DOUCETTE.

MIDSUMMER ACTIVITY

Well, boys, we've caught our breath after the mad whirl of the Convention and buckled down to the old grind again. Your new National President, RAY DOUCETTE, is letting no grass grow under his feet; has already attended the Conn. State Dep't. meeting in Waterbury on July 4; has called a meeting of the Executive Committee for July 23; and has made arrangements for a Resurrection Meeting in Lawrence on July 15. The hot weather hasn't stopped him one bit, and he is setting a pace worthy of his distinguished predecessors.

Of course, the truest barometer of an organization's progress is in its membership standing. On July 14, a year ago the Y.D.V.A. had 2838 members. Today (July 14, 1937) it has 3123. The really overwhelming lead of this year over last has been cut down somewhat, but we are still nearly 500 ahead of a year ago.

There are still over 1150 of last year's members who have not yet paid their dues for this year, which, added to the fact that we are now 485 ahead of last year, means that over 1600 new members have been picked up during the year! A final notice has been sent to these delinquents, and their names have been sent to their Chapter presidents in one last effort to get them back in.

The standing on July 14, 1937 is as follows:

MAINE	
Augusta	14
Farmington	24
Lewiston	48
Portland	56
Skowhegan	16
Waterville	8
At Large	40
TOTAL	206
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Concord	20
Keene	31
Manchester	36
Nashua	27
At Large	21
TOTAL	135
VERMONT	
Burlington	15
Rutland	20
Springfield	11
At Large	16
TOTAL	62
MASSACHUSETTS	
Attleboro	5
Boston	498
Brockton	20
Clinton	15
Fitchburg	27
Haverhill	62
Holyoke	29
Lawrence	0
Lowell	77
Lynn	133
Marlboro	30
Milford	34
New Bedford	53
Northampton	12
Plymouth	0
Salem	32
Springfield	64
Webster	13
Worcester	170
At Large	84
TOTAL	1358
RHODE ISLAND	
Providence	127
At Large	0
TOTAL	127
CONNECTICUT	
Bridgeport	36
Bristol	70
Hartford	207
Manchester	27
Meriden	44
Middletown	22
New Britain	29
New Haven	116
New Milford	5
Norwalk	36
Stamford	48
Terryville	19
Valley	32
Wallingford	13
Waterbury	37
Willimantic	37
Winsted	13
At Large	19
TOTAL	810
UNITED STATES	
Chicago	33
Cleveland	31
Denver	15
Detroit	25
Los Angeles	24
New York	130
Newark	0
St. Louis	14
Washington	37
At Large	116
TOTAL	425
GRAND TOTAL	3123
(Exclusive of Life Members)	

REPORT OF NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER
(From June 1, 1937 to June 30, 1937)

June 2, 1937:

Attended National Executive meeting at Springfield.

June 3 to 6 1937:

One claim re-opened, arrangements made to have member of the Marlboro Chapter admitted to the Newington Hospital. Was present at the installation of the Clinton Chapter.

June 7, 1937:

Attended regular meeting of the Springfield Chapter, serviced three new claims.

June 8, 1937:

Attended meeting of the 104th. Inf. A.E.F. Association at Springfield. CHARLES SOUTHGATE (Co. L, 104th) was appointed service officer to represent all the 104th members in the Springfield area. Serviced one claim of a Salem Chapter member, he will be hospitalized later.

June 10, 1937:

Attended installation of officers of Milford Chapter. This was the best time of all the YD

VA Chapters in this district. Milford will show many of the visitors a great time at any time, this Chapter meets every second Tuesday at the State Armory.

June 11 to 13, 1937

Louis Lacroix, Treasurer of the Marlboro Chapter, admitted to hospital, June 13, and is under treatment for service connected disabilities, his condition is good. Comrade LeBlanc of Salem admitted to the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Mass.

June 17, 1937:

Attended installation of officers of the Webster-Dudley Chapter. Clyde O. Elliott, Dep. of District 5, Mass. State Dep't. acted as the installing officer. I acted as the Sgt.-at-arms, refreshments were served shortly after all officers had been installed, at the home of Comrade Raszka.

June 22, 1937:

Attended regular meeting of the Providence, R. I. YD Club. A large attendance, many discussions of the 1938 Nat. Conv. were heard, and it was voted to ask for the next convention. After the meeting the usual eats and drinks were served.

June 25, 1937:

One case due to appear before rating board for rating purposes was deferred to July 1, '37. Member at large. Same was requested to allow those who were going to Portland time to get there on this date. Left for Portland at 6 P. M.

June 28, 29, 30, 1937:

I want to thank all the members who helped to bring about the re-election at Portland, I will assure all members of my continued wholehearted support.

Respectfully submitted,

—Ernie Parent.

THE MILITARY BALL

The Military Ball held at the Portland City Hall on Friday evening was a huge success. That much we know from those we have talked with. The place was packed, and every one was having the time of their lives. Your reporter can't give any eye-witness account, as not being a dancing man himself, and having no "wives with us", we were not there, finding our evening's entertainment elsewhere. And we have looked through all the Portland papers without finding a mention of what went on. So, with apologies, we'll have to stop right here.

HOW ABOUT ANOTHER YD TRIP TO FRANCE?

We don't know who started it, but there has been quite a bit of talking going on, here and there, that it's pretty near time the Yankee Division held another reunion in France. We came home in 1919; in 1929 we (a scant 175 of us) went back to the dedication of the church at Belleau. It looks, by the numbers, as if 1939 should be the year. How many are interested; how many could go? That is the question.

THANKS, BILLY

"The 101st Infantry veterans have suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Billy Connery." So stated Lt. Gen. Eddie Logan on learning of Billy's passing.

But those well spoken words that came from the lips of our heartbroken regimental commander do not tell fully the story of a loss in our ranks that can never be filled, no matter how much we "close over to the right."

Just close your eyes a moment, fellers, and you will see the inimitable "Billy" standing in front of a bunch of us as we came out of some one of the many sectors that we occupied. We, covered with mud, lousey, dead tired to the point of complete exhaustion, lips pressed tightly together as we steeled our minds against the thoughts of the awful scenes so lately left, hungry and near the point of feeling we would never laugh again, haunted by the loss of a 'bon' Comrade.

In our low spirits we overlooked — or for the moment forgot — Billy, but Billy hadn't forgotten how to sing and laugh, and from his lips would come some rollicking tune such as "Did you see my little Jimmy marching" or tell the story of the Irish lad and the 'twinty inimy,' or some of his many French-Canadian stories with that funny accent he could use so well.

Generals could write their praise of us in Orders of the Day; in their attempt to rebuild our morale the thing armies need more than food; they may issue medals for deeds of valor or maybe they'd show themselves in all their finery and by rigid inspection attempt to harden us to the point where nothing mattered but a good fight. All for the good of the morale and service.

But "Billy" accomplished what orders, medals, parades and inspections could not.

He made smiles grow, just grins at first as he drew our attention from ourselves and our mental and physical weariness, to roars of

laughter until we were fairly hanging onto each other in mirthful convulsions.

He made us forget, he made us want to live and laugh.

And now, somewhere, "Billy" is telling his stories to the gang gone before. And I bet the Old Man is standing in the circle listening in.

—JOHN H. SMITH.
(F Co. 101st Inf., A.E.F.)

YD MEN IN NEWINGTON (CONN.) VETERANS HOSPITAL

On July 11, according to a letter received from JIM ARMESON of Springfield, a patient at Newington Hospital, the following YD men were also patients there.

From Massachusetts: L. LACROIX and J. MARTEL of Marlboro; J. FINIK of Holyoke; R. SOLOMAN* of Roxbury; C. WEATHERWOX* of Agawam; A. DODGE of E. Weymouth; W. O'BRIEN* and J. FLYNN* of Northampton; E. LEAHY* of Springfield; and L. TINKHAM of New Bedford .

From Vermont: A. ALBERICO of Rutland; A. E. HUGHES, Bolton; and J. TROMBLY,* Winooski.

From New Hampshire: H. LINKE,* Manchester.

From Rhode Island: HOLDEN of Providence.

From Connecticut: P. DAIGNEAU* of Haywardville; L. CRUM, E. GARDNER, A. POLIWODA of Meriden; M. DESCKINO and H. MORENCY of Waterbury; M. KOKOSZKA, W. JEZIERSKI, and F. FLEISCHANER of New Britain; A. KARPAN, G. POST, T. TROZZOLO, T. BLYTHE* and L. ATKINS* of Hartford; Col. JOHN HENRY PARKER of New Haven; G. ALLARD of Torrington; K. CHASE of Bristol; E. YOUNGBERG of Newington; R. VENNART of So. Manchester; J. McLEOD of Guilford; T. CODY of North Haven; W. DOEHR of Wallingford; H. STOUGHTON and J. KELLY.

* following a name indicates that the man needs affidavits in support of his claim.

JIM also tells in his letter of the fine show put on at the hospital on Independence Day (July 5) through the co-operation of the Conn. Dep't. American Legion, William J. Miller, Commander, with games, band-concert and fireworks. Col. PARKER was Chairman of the Committee.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM HERE AND THERE

The wedding is announced of Mr. LEON F. DENIS (104th Inf.) to Miss Estelle Maris Dolan, at Saint Mary's Church, Lynn, Massachusetts on June 17, 1937. Mr. Denis is in the regular army, and is stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

Taken into membership in the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States recently are the following former YD men:

MACLEOD, NORMAN D., Captain, 103rd Field Artillery, who received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action, Marcheville, France, Sept. 26, 1918.

HEDLUND, FRITZ E., Private first class, F Co., 101st Infantry, who received the Distinguished Cross for extraordinary heroism in action in Trugny Woods, France, July 23, 1918.

KIMBALL, ROY EDMUND, who received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action at Marcheville, France, September 26, 1918.

Incidentally, the National Convention of the Legion of Valor is being held this year in Boston. The dates are August 8, 9, 10 and 11, and headquarters is at the Statler Hotel.

MIKE TIERNEY, (K Co. 101st Inf.) would like to have any YD man passing through Atlantic City to look him up at Castro's Hotel, Tennessee Ave., and Beach.

The article in the June issue of DOINGS telling of the necessity for curtailing the size of the publication until there is more money in the kitty, has brought many reassuring replies. Some have suggested publishing only six issues a year, one every two months, one has suggested a large quarterly magazine; others have come to bat with the idea of passing the hat to make up the deficit. As fine a letter as any came not from a YD man but from one of our Honorary Members — "BILL" DRESNER of Hartford, Conn. In addition to suggesting that small voluntary donations be accepted from any who care to contribute, he tells how much the magazine means to him, and enclosed a check himself. DOINGS wishes it had space to reprint his letter in full.

An 888 page history of the Rainbow (42nd) Division may be had for $3.00, sent to the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association, 4643 Nottingham Rd., Detroit, Mich.

PHIL LEFEBVRE, whose home is in Providence, R. I., but who is employed by the Customs Service at Madawaska, Maine, sends a list of other YD men in Uncle Sam's employ along the border: BOB SUMMERS (101st Amm. Tr.) is at Fort Kent; LEFEBVRE and KETCHUM at Madawaska; WILBUR R. WEBSTER (103rd F. A.) at Hamlin, near Van Buren; a man named JOHNSON (first name not given) at Houlton; SEXTON at Calais; LANDERS, Ass't. Commander of the Border Patrol at Bangor.

CASUALTIES

The YD Club of Boston seems to be laboring under a jinx of accidents to its members the past five or six weeks.

First casualty was AL THOMSON (101st F. Sig. Bn.). Working in the Club, cleaning, painting, etc., Al fell from the musician's balcony of the former night club on the ground floor, a distance of nearly 10 feet to the main floor, suffering a cracked pelvis bone. That was over seven weeks ago, as this is written, and poor old Al (yes "old" — you don't think you're young, do you?) is still flat in bed. It's all right to joke about it, but it was pretty tough luck. Al will be O.K. in time — perhaps another month, and the employers' liability insurance carried on Club employees covers his expenses; but just the same it's tough. Al wants to express his heartfelt thanks to the many members of the Club and Post who have been to see him, sent him cards, letters, etc.

Next casualty was JOHN H. SMITH (101st Inf.). At Portland, John slipped, fell, broke his arm. And it is an absolute fact that he was absolutely cold sober. Perhaps it might be better to leave out that sentence, as it might imply that he is often drunk, which is not true. But conventions are conventions, and it is a fact that John hadn't had a sip. Worst of all, it was the very worst sort of fracture, one of the bones of the lower arm being twisted loose at the elbow joint, and the upper arm bone fractured as well. John is at Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital for a long siege, and we're all rooting for a perfect arm when he comes out.

Then comes JOHNNY MORRIS. Johnny was in an automobile smash-up on July 15, and we haven't the complete details, but he was badly bruised and perhaps seriously injured.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Looks from the amount of Convention news in this issue, that the old Pine Tree State has its share. The Y.D.V.A. is expecting great things from the new Department President JAMES FRED SHAW of Lewiston. A fine beginning has been made: Maine now has six chartered Chapters. They need to be bolstered up a bit in places, and kept keyed up to full pep all the time. That's Fred's job; and we'll report how things go.

NO NEWS FROM

Portland (outside of Convention news of course), Augusta, Waterville, Skowhegan. Of course, after the Convention, there is always a let-down, and few chapters hold meetings in the summer.

FARMINGTON
Franklin County Chapter

On the evening of May 25, a group of 26 YD men met at the Stoddard House Cafe for a fine beef-steak banquet, after which BILL LOVE introduced the visitors from Portland who had come up to help us get going. They were PERCY BENTON, THOMAS J. KENNON, GEORGE J. WOODS, FLETCHER LONG, PERCY WITHAM and JOE PERRY.

Bill then turned the meeting over to PERCY WITHAM and the following officers were elected: President, WILLIAM LOVE; Senior Vice President, GILBERT MILLER; Junior Vice President, B. CARROLL ROUNDS; Secretary, REX W. PARSONS; Treasurer, DAN T. ADAMS; Chaplain, CHARLES WALKER; Trustees, Dr. GEORGE L. PRATT and LEWIS MCINTIRE; Sergeant-at-Arms, ELLSWORTH BARRY. The Charter was then presented to President LOVE who took charge and called on the visitors who spoke on the objectives of the Association.

The two Vice-Presidents were appointed captains of two soft-ball teams. It was voted to hold the next meeting some Sunday in June, the date to be decided later.

On June 13, a group of 30 gathered on the shore of Crowell's Pond. Eleven of the group were Chapter members, the rest being their wives and children. RALPH STEVENS, assisted by the ladies and other men, prepared a delicious fish chowder. After dinner the men gathered under the trees and held a very informal meeting at which it was decided to hold the next meeting on the afternoon of Sunday, July 18, guests of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES WALKER at their camp on the shore of Flying Pond in Vienna. Charles promised to provide a fine feed of Bean-hole beans, at which he is an artist. It was then

voted to invite the ladies as we had done this time.

Funny stories and reminiscenses of the War were swapped after which the group gradually broke up and took their way home after expressing their hearty thanks to "Steve" for his fine chowder.

—R. W. P.

No account of the July 18 meeting had been received up to press time, which is not surprising, as this issue went to press on July 19.

—ED. DOINGS.

LEWISTON

As one University of Maine man to another, Gover Lewis O. Barrows, who got a distinct pleasure in his visit to the YD Convention at Portland, will lend his co-operation to the former 103rd Machine Gunner, National Vice-President J. Fred Shaw of Lewiston in an attempt to recruit the Pine Tree State's eligible veterans to the Y.D.V.A. banner. Back in his college days Governor Barrows was a capable first sacker, while Shaw was a pitcher with a wealth of ability.

The Lewiston Chapter expects to have its own quarters by the time this is in print, up to the present time having conducted its meetings at the homes of members. The last meeting was held at a nearby lake in the summer cottage of one of the A.E.F.'s most famous buglers, Eugene Bowdoin, (101st Tr. Mor. Bty.), a member now of the Lewiston Fire Department. Gene was a bugler of the first water, with "mess call" answering for everything he had occasion to blow.

Bill Smith of Bangor, who served during the war with Co G. 103rd Inf. was a visitor at the meeting and is still wondering how Bill Roach can hold such good pasteboards at times.

Jim Longley (101st Tr. Mor. Bty.) is chief deputy sheriff of Androscoggin County and during the long illness of Sheriff Riley has been in charge of the office. At present a group of CIO organizers are his most famous guests in the county jail while serving sentences for contempt of court after a jury trial.

One of the most recent members of the local chapter to sign on the dotted line is Marty Joyce, former top sergeant of the 101st Tr. Mor. Bty., at present a member of the Lewiston police department. We hear that he has a challenge out for all horse shoe pitching ex-top kickers, for a duel with the iron shoes.

—N. S. T.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

BURLINGTON

CHITTENDEN COUNTY CHAPTER

Please find enclosed money order for $2.00 and application for membership in the National Association from Curtis L. Malaney, 63 King St., Burlington, Vt.

The Chittenden County YD Chapter held their fifth meeting on the evening of May 26th, 1937, at the Howard Plant Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Burlington. An interesting talk was made by Henry J. Homeister, Commander of the John Ryan Post, No. 1767, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Winooski, Vt. on the spirit of the combat soldier of the World War, who constantly emphasized the good times experienced, and unlike any of the warriors before him, always ignored or tried to forget the unhappy experiences. He pointed out at great length, the value of the YD Association where veterans with a common experience could relive the greatest adventure that will come in any of their lives.

President Henry M. Harlow of the Chittenden County YD Association appointed Vice-President Edward Dorey, Jerome Racine, Charles S. Upton, a committee of three, to arrange a week-end during June for an outing at a member's camp on Lake Champlain, during which an old-fashioned New England fish chowder will be served, and to which all YD men of the County will be invited.

—R. A. B.

No account of the June outing, if held, has been sent to YANKEE DOINGS.

—ED. DOINGS.

SPRINGFIELD

At a meeting held on July 20, the following officers were elected: President, Guy O. Wescott; First V.P. Charles Gleason; Second V.P. Guy Atwood; Secretary, Leland F. Batchelder; Treasurer, Walter J. McCarthy.

The next meeting will be held on September 7. Meetings on the First Tuesday of the month.

BELLOWS FALLS

Late flash! Bellows Falls Chapter, twelve charter members were granted a Charter on July 23.

A fine meeting was held on July 22, attended by men from Bellows Falls, No. Walpole, Springfield and Rutland.

Dep't. Pres. ARTHUR SMITH, Past Dep't. Pres. ARTHUR FOOTE, and Nat. Secretary PHIL SANBORN addressed the meeting.

The following officers were elected: President, FREDERICK T. STONE; V.P., CHARLES WILSON; Sec.-Treas., CARL PRESCOTT.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Under date line of June 17, comes a brief account of a meeting of the Department of New Hampshire, from the Department Secretary, LEROY E. CODDING of Keene. He does not, however, give the date of the meeting, which was held in Nashua.

On motion of ELIOT CARTER (Nashua), it was unanimously voted that the following resolution be sent to the members of the family of the late Congressman WILLIAM P. CONNERY, JR.

> "Please accept our sincere sympathy and regret at the passing of Congressman Connery."
>
> Department of New Hampshire,
> YD Veterans' Association.

NO NEWS FROM

MANCHESTER KEENE

CONCORD

If all our correspondents were as brief and to the point as Secretary EUGENE GEBO of Concord Chapter, there would be no need of appealing for brevity. Here is what he writes:

"Meeting was called to order on June 29 by President CALLAHAN. There was a good crowd present. The President reported on the Portland Convention, and on the Nashua Department meeting. There was some talk of having some kind of an outing a little later on."

Well, HAVE the outing! for Pete's sake, and keep the good old YD Chapter of Concord on the move.

NASHUA

WILLIAM J. MCNULTY, Past Commander of Nashua Post, V.F.W., who served in B Co., 103rd M. G. Battalion, has received the Silver Star medal, for two citations in general orders; one for heroism at Xivray, France, and the other for organizing machine-gun positions under fire in the Xivray-Marvoisin fight.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

The July Department meeting was omitted, as the date fell so shortly after the Annual Convention. The August meeting will be held on Sunday, August 1, but at the time of going to press on July 19, the city in which it is to be held is still in doubt. Department President CLYDE ELLIOTT is in hopes of having it in the re-awakened YD town of Lawrence. (See below.)

Very few of the Chapters apparently are holding any summer meetings, or, if they are, they are keeping them secret. The only voices heard from are Boston, Brockton, Haverhill, Lynn, Lawrence and Springfield.

BOSTON

The summer siesta seems to be on, and the few around the Memorial Club these days either sit out on the "porch," or in the cool of the game room, playing a few desultory hands of cards.

The Boston Club put on a swell show at Portland. They had the most in line at the parade, all with the "BOSTON" shoulder ribbon, and led by the rejuvenated YD Post Drum and Bugle Corps, they were one of the outstanding hits of a very swell parade. Coming first in the Department of Massachusetts, directly behind Department President-elect ELLIOTT and his state staff, President JOE GALLIGAN, was followed by a large sign, YD MEMORIAL CLUB OF BOSTON, carried by GUY WATTS, MARTY TAYLOR and JIM SLATER. Then the Club and YD Post colors, with uniformed bearers and guards; followed by the Drum and Bugle Corps of YD Post 290. The main body of members, behind the drum corps, was led by FRED L. JACKSON.

At the June smoker, on the 24th, the Club had as its speaker, former heavyweight champion of the world, Jack Sharkey, who told much of the inside story of the fistic game, correctly predict-

ing the outcome of the then imminent Braddock-Louis fray. One thing he emphasized, that once a man becomes champ, he is bound to slack off in the training which put him there, and sooner or later a challenger takes him.

The July smoker, on the 29th, comes too late to be covered in this issue.

BROCKTON

We are still holding our meetings once a month; attendance has been around 10 to 15 members, but business has been not so good out here, and it seems hard to get things started.

With the Convention over, we are getting started on our plans for the annual Hallowe'en Costume Party, which has gone over so well in past years. It must be understood that five or six men can't do all the work, everyone must pitch in and help.

We're still on the map, but need a good waking up. Hope some of the National officers can come down and talk to the boys early this Fall.

FITCHBURG

The following were installed as officers of Fitchburg Chapter on June 10, at a meeting held at the State Armory:

President, CHARLES J. GOGUEN; First V.P., F. EDWARD MCGUINNESS; Second V.P., FRANK TOOMEY; Secretary, DANIEL A. NOONAN; Treasurer, SAMUEL FARRELL; Historian, SAMUEL P. HOPLEY; Chaplain, RUSSELL JOHNSON; Judge Advocate, FRANK ZINGARELLA; Sgt.-at-Arms, JOHN CRANE.

YD veterans were present also from Leominster, Mass. and Greenville, N. H.

HAVERHILL

On July 12, 13 and 14, Haverhill Chapter sponsored the showing of the WPA "Circus," at the River Street Theatre — two shows daily, at 2:00 and 8:00 o'clock. DOINGS has not received any account of the success of the venture, but one thing sure, whether it made money or not, it at least let the people of Haverhill know there is a YD Club there! This fella, JOHN DWYER, the President, is a grand hustler, and the boys are all with him.

LAWRENCE

Well durned if Lawrence isn't back again with the old Y.D.V.A.! With 78 members at the Worcester Convention, and just exactly zero at the opening of the Portland Convention, it began to look as if no kind of a pulmotor would be enough to bring back the breath of life.

But you should have seen the back room of "TURK" MURPHY'S Sunshine Cafe on Essex Street on the evening of July 15. There wasn't room to get another chair into the place, and some were standing around the wall. Fully two-thirds of last year's 78 must have been there, and many new ones.

This meeting was the result of an earlier one, when plans were made to get the chapter going again, by TOM JOLLEY, BILL HART, ED WHEELER, EDDIE SIROIS and some of the other die-hards.

At the June 15 meeting, Vice-President ED WHEELER was in the chair, and BILL HART in charge of the program of speakers and entertainment. National and state officers present, who addressed the meeting included the National President RAYMOND DOUCETTE, National Secretary PHIL SANBORN, Department of Mass. President CLYDE ELLIOTT, and four members of the YD Club of Lynn, President DOUCETTE'S "staff" ED SAULNIER, WALTER SMITH, HERBERT WEEKS, and EDWIN STREETER.

EDDIE SIROIS, Chm. of the Nominating Committee, appointed at the last meeting, reported candidates for office, all of whom were elected, as follows:

President, BERNARD N. WEBSTER (L Co., 103rd Inf.); First V.P., JOSEPH WATTON, (Med. Det., 101st F. A.); Second V.P., Dr. DAVID D. YULE (C Batt., 102nd F. A.); Secretary, JOSEPH A. LYNCH (L Co., 104th Inf.); Treasurer, KENNETH A. RYDER (Med. Det., 101st F. A.).

The following were elected to work with the officers as an Executive Board: JOHN G. SHEEHAN (C Batt., 102nd F. A.), JOHN CRONIN (Med. Det., 101st Inf.), JOHN P. DOWD (F Co., 101st Inf.), EUGENE FENTON (101st F. H.), J. WILLIAM MAHONEY (101st Amm. Tr.), CARL LINDSAY (F Batt., 102nd F. A.), JEREMIAH DINEEN (Sup. Co., 102nd F. A.), EDWARD H. EARLEY (Hq. Co., 102nd F. A.), CARL DONOVAN (F Co., 101st Inf.), and Captain WILLIAM I. HART (C Batt., 102nd F. A.).

National officers addressing the meeting stressed the possibilities of a large and active chapter in Lawrence, it being a strong YD city, with elements of nearly all branches of the service in its potential membership.

A committee was appointed to investigate the cost of hiring permanent quarters in one of the

hotels, so that men would have a place to meet one another any evening.

It was decided to hold the installation of new officers at the quarters of the Legion Franco-Americaine on Thursday, July 22, National President DOUCETTE promising to be present as installing officer, with his suite.

LYNN

"Echos from Portland"

A great time was had by all, especially at Fort Graymore where the Lynn gang tried to sleep. Plenty of dancing — what say — "Pete" the fire fighter — who set the fire, Joe? Most doing and most noise, fifth floor. BILL BOWEN's first convention, but not the last — what a man with the cane — can he hit — Poor Walter had to sleep in the lobby — Bill wouldn't let him in. The wives had a good time at Graymore and so did everybody — dancing — at the bar lounge — upstairs and what have you.

The ball was great — parade better and that boat trip — well, enough couldn't be said about it — plenty of lobsters — real treatment by the Colonel, and BOB STANCHFIELD and PETE PERRAULT muscled in on some swell pies baked by Johnnie Goucheau of Co. M., 5th Infantry, Fort McKinley. Can't beat these YD men when food s around. Nobody from Lynn jumped off the boat. DINTY MOORE and AL DURKEE overworked the hand organ man and appeared to be going strong every time I spotted them. K. L. SMITH, WALTER SMITH and ROY THOMAS sneaked off to Old Orchard for a few hours — why? Night-owl PEVEAR, Jumping JOE LAFFEY, Engineer EDDIE and "I'm Tough" CURRAN all went over strong and all in all it was one swell time. Portland, you did a real job of it. On to Providence!

—"MUSSOLINI."

The Lynn YD Club paraded as a unit Memorial day with over 100 in line.

The Drill Team did a great job at Portland and won the prize. Also paraded in Swampscott, July 4th and won the prize in Veterans Division. On June 16th the Drill Team had the honor of escorting our beloved friend and comrade, Congressman WILLIAM P. CONNERY, JR.'s body from the train at South Station to Lynn and then continued to act as honor guard night and day until the time of the funeral. (See elsewhere in this issue.)

Lynn Chapter has formed a "Blood Transfusion Squad" headed by GUSTAVE JOHNSON, PETER PERRAULT, JOSEPH FLENNIKEN, LEON VARNAM, KELSEY SMITH, HOLMAN STANCHFIELD and others to come later. On Thursday, July 8th, the first call came and JOSEPH FLENNIKEN was called and gave his blood to a young man named Robert Dunning at Lynn Hospital and the boy is on the road to recovery. Young Dunning's uncle is a YD man, namely THURLOW DUNNING of Lynn Chapter. Other Chapters should follow suit.

Membership Clean-Up

The following teams were appointed on July 13th to go out and sign up 100 new members if possible, after a pep talk by the new National President. K. L. SMITH and WALTER SMITH to cover Marblehead; EUSTIS GRIMES and EARL BAILEY to cover Swampscott; IVAN COMEAU and WARREN BARROWS to cover Saugus; JOHN SULLIVAN to cover Revere; RUDOLPH HEFTYE and HERBERT WEEKS to cover East Lynn; MICHAEL GAROFANO and EDWARD SAULNIER to cover West Lynn; PETER PERRAULT and CLAYTON PEVEAR to cover Policemen and Firemen; CLAUDE HOAG, ROY KNOX, LEON VARNAM, HOLMAN STANCHFIELD, INGALLS SLOCUM as raiders — and it looks like a big year for Lynn!

On August 1st the Lynn Chapter will move into its new permanent quarters on Broad St., Lynn, and the K.P.'s and P.G.'s have started to clean-up and paint and when the time comes, Lynn will have a real opening for all YD men to attend. More news later on this.

On July 13th the Lynn Chapter conducted the memorial services and YD ritual at the grave of our departed comrade, WILLIAM "BILLY" P. CONNERY, JR. Very impressive services, led by the National President RAY DOUCETTE, assisted by Chaplain ROBERT NEWMAN, Sgt.-at-Arms EARL BAILEY and V.P. HOLMAN STANCHFIELD and all the members of Drill Team in uniform, as well as all members of Chapter. Let us never forget this gallant friend and comrade.

SPRINGFIELD

Auxiliary

The YD Auxiliary of Springfield, accompanied by the YD Club and children, had its first outing of the season Sunday, July 10th, at Kibbe's Grove, Somers, Connecticut.

Luncheon, swimming, and field events were enjoyed by all — both young and old.

Field events were won by the following:

Peanut race, Harriet Patch; Clothes Pin Contest, Andrew Birnie; Rolling Pin Contest, men, Al Heber; Rolling Pin Contest, women, Irene Maley; Balloon Contest, Roy Coons; Peanut Contest, boys, Bob Lyons; Peanut Contest, girls, Kathleen Chapman; Lucky Number, Patricia Lyons.

Beano was enjoyed for those wishing to play and very appropriate prizes were awarded to the winners.

Mrs. John Lowe was chairman of this outing and she was assisted by Mrs. Edward Maley, Mrs. Roy Coons and Mrs. Roswell Patch.

We are looking forward to another outing which is to be held in August.

In the May issue of DOINGS, in reporting the joint installation of officers of the Springfield Chapter and Auxiliary, the names of the Auxiliary officers were not given. They are as follows:

President, Mrs. Irene Maley; First V.P., Mrs. Veronica Chapman; Treasurer, Mrs. Irene Coons; Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Heber; Historian, Mrs. Florence Patch; Chaplain, Mrs. Margaret Johnson; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Mary Cotton; Auditors, Mrs. Corabelle Spybey and Mrs. Jeanie Lowe.

Regular meeting was held on May 17.

It is with sadness that we report the sudden death of Mrs. Corabelle Spybey on Friday, May 21. A true friend and loyal worker, she will be missed by us all.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE

The regular monthly meeting of Providence Chapter was held in the Harrison St. Armory, on June 15th. All officers were present or accounted for, 36 members attend. National Service Officer PARENT and District Deputy Dept. Mass., CLYDE ELLIOTT were also present.

Report on membership, given by Sr. Vice Pres. MARA, and was very encouraging. The chapter is growing steadily and by Fall should have a large membership.

Reports on the illness of three members were rendered by members present.

Report of the 1938 YD convention committee was given by the chairman of the committee, Comrade JERRY O'LEARY. We are assured of the co-operation and support of the Providence Biltmore Hotel in putting over the convention. They will see that we have plenty of space for our headquarters. Also we are permitted to hold committee meetings there if we so desire. Enthusiastic letters endorsing the proposed YD VA national convention for Providence in 1938 were read from His Excellency Gov. Robt. E. Quinn; His Honor, Mayor James E. Dunne; Pres. Plant of the Prov. Chamber of Commerce; Dept. of R. I. American Legion; Dept. of R. I. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.; and Mr. Walter E. O'Hara, managing director of the Narragansett Race Track.

Comrade MARA spoke of the untimely death of Congressman WILLIAM P. CONNERY, JR., of Mass., and a member of the Lynn Chapter, YD VA. He made a motion that a letter of profound regret and sympathy be sent to the widow and family of Congressman CONNERY and that the charter of this organization be draped for the required period of time. Seconded and passed.

At this point President LAWRENCE COOK called on National Service Officer PARENT for a few remarks. His opinion was that Providence seems to be all set for holding the convention in 1938 and that we will encounter little opposition. He dwelt at length on his activities as National Service Officer.

Comrade CLYDE ELLIOTT was next called on. He gave us a few high lights on what we can anticipate at Portland. Also a few well taken remarks on the State Dept. meetings he has attended.

Comrade LAFFEY made a motion, duly seconded and passed that this chapter show its comradeship means something to each member of the organization by sending a carton of cigarettes together with a letter expressing the wish for a speedy recovery to those members who are ill in the hospital.

Comrade Dr. BRESLIN made a motion, duly seconded and passed that we appoint an entertainment committee to carry on throughout the year, to provide suitable speakers or entertainment for our future meetings. The following members constitute the committee: Comrades JAMES LAFFEY, chairman; ED STOREY, WM. T. MULCAHEY, Dr. BRESLIN, and ED HIRD.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M. and repaired to the dugout where refreshments and card games were enjoyed until the early morning

hours. The meetings for the summer months will be omitted, the next meeting to be at the call of the President, sometime in September. Due notice will be given the entire membership.

—Howard W. Hunt,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Two Department meetings have been held since the last issue of DOINGS, one in Bridgeport on Sunday, June 13; one in Waterbury, on Sunday, July 11.

News of the Bridgeport meeting would be somewhat stale reading now, but we'll give a resume of the more important points. Approximately 100 were present and the gavel went to Norwalk with 43% attendance, Willimantic a close second. Conn. House Bill No. 1022, for the state to purchase left-over copies of "Connecticut Fights" a history of the 102nd Infantry, by Rev. Dan Strickland, was reported by the legislative committee as having passed the legislature with flying colors, and Dan will get "out of the red." Voted to hold the next meeting at Lakewood Park, in Waterbury, on July 11.

The July meeting was notable, from the scant news received, for two things only; a terrifically hot day which made conducting any business out of the question; and the presence, after a 150 mile drive of the new National President Ray Doucette, with his trusty "staff" of comrades from his home chapter of Lynn. The meeting was given over to social activity and trying to keep cool. It was decided not to hold a meeting in August, to hold the September meeting on September 5 at Willimantic, which will take the form of an outing to which the women and children are all invited. The exact place has not yet been decided, but signs will mark the way.

BRIDGEPORT

Bridgeport Chapter was host to the Conn. State Dep't. June meeting on Sunday, June 12. Among those present were Nat. Pres. Al W. Herman and Nat. Treas. Lee Redfield. During the session Pres. Jack Schultze presented, in behalf of the local boys, a past pres. medal to Bob Reyburn.

The annual outing of the local chapter in all its glory and usual quality will be held July 18 at Canevaries Grove, Devon.

John Elliano is missed at local meetings, he has a new out-of-town business assignment that keeps him away.

Can anyone imagine Jim Morrell missing a meeting? He did recently.

Dick Barlow lectured recently on the fallacy of joining labor organizations or something.

A resolution presented by Jim Morrell, concerning recognition of all veterans who volunteered for trench fever injections by Federal Government, was adopted at the state meeting.

A YD Night was held on June 23rd at the Jewish War Vets.

Bridgeport Chapter members seen at Portland were: Brown, French, Herlack, Huff, Murray, Marcus, Morrell, Norrup, Reyburn and Smith.

—R. R. R.

HARTFORD

Enclosed find a new application and the dues for Earl Murphy, 1916 Broad Street, Hartford.

Joe Moran and Earl Murphy took it upon themselves the other night to go collecting dues and looking for new members. Where they went and what they did we have not found out, but they arrived at my house at 6:30 A. M. *with the dues;* and you can imagine my feelings having to get up at that hour just to receive them. It's funny what some members will do when they get in the proper spirit (s), for their organization and the good of YDVA. The funny part of the whole affair is that they didn't want breakfast, and the house was bare of other refreshments, so they went their way.

Yours in YD,

—Bill Sullivan.

STAMFORD

Owing to the resignations of President Baker and Secretary Kirsten, the Stamford Chapter held an election on the night of June 7, to fill the vacant offices.

Paul Hayes, detective sergeant, Stamford Police Department, was elected president; C. B. Larrabee, secretary, and George Riickerl, sergeant at arms, to take the place of Paul Hayes, former sergeant at arms.

Nothing else of great moment has happened since the last letter. Everything was pushed over until after the Portland Convention, the chapter's energies being turned toward getting out a good delegation for the convention.

—C. B. L.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The newly elected President of the Department of the United States, JOHN W. MORGAN of New York, lost no time after his election in assuming the duties of his office. A letter received by the National Secretary, and answered by him, asked just what was expected from him in the way of personal visits to Chapters, bulletins to be sent out, and just what the status of the several chapters was regarding activity, etc.

CHICAGO

The sole representative of Chicago at the Portland Convention was Department President WALTER CROWELL. He and Mrs. Crowell had an excellent time, and Walter turned in a fine report of his year's activities as head of the Y.D. V.A.'s largest territorial department.

Chicago Chapter held a picnic and outing, for themselves and their families, at Chipelly Ridge, Cook County Forest Preserve, Northbrook, Ill. on Sunday, June 11. PERRY H. CRAFTON was Chairman of the Committee, assisted by ERNEST KENTWORTZ, ALLEN USHER, CLARENCE BUSH and JOHN LEE. All the usual games were to be included: fat men's race, potato race, tug-of-war and all the rest, BUT, although we received four separate ADVANCE notices, no account of how things went off has come in, so we'll have to leave you in suspense as to the winners.

At the Chapter meeting on June 8, President AL USHER being in Hollywood, C. A. BUSH presided. J. H. MCCANN was moved up from Treasurer to Secretary to succeed BILL BRADY who has moved back to Boston. We are going to miss him as he was at most every meeting and was a fine worker. ERNEST KENTWORTZ was elected Treasurer to succeed MCCANN.

A resolution of condolence was passed to be sent to the parents of Comrade FRANK FOLEY, one of the founders of this Chapter, later the organizer of St. Louis Chapter, whose death came as a sudden shock to his many friends here and in Hartford, Conn.

JOHN A. BARRON, of the medical detachment of the 101st Engineers, attended the meeting and transferred his membership from the New York Chapter. He is now connected with the advertising department of the Chicago *Evening American.* Comrade BARRON is a live wire and joined in the discussion and planning like an old-timer, and the boys felt we gained in him a valuable member.

Others attending were Comrades JOHN J. LEE (Co. A., 103rd Inf.), WALTER D. CROWELL, (M. G.C., 101st Inf.), former presidents; DANA M. HUBBARD (Bat. C., 103rd F. A.), EDWARD C. PEDERSON (Co. A, 104th Inf.) and HENRY B. REINEKE (Co. G, 102nd Inf.).

NEW YORK

Those fortunate enough to attend the Legion Convention in September will find out the sort of grand bunch of fellas the YD has in its New York Chapter. They were in Portland, to the number of 35 or 40, and apparently had one grand time.

For the shindig in September — concerning which there will be much more in the next issue — it is planned among other things, to have a regular YD Headquarters in one of the big hotels, where a man can register, and get information concerning the whereabouts of others. There will be a huge YD banquet (and it'll have to be huge, as there will probably be thousands of YD men in town), and that in itself will be a reunion such as we do not have even at our own YD conventions.

New York Chapter meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday in the Prince George Hotel, East 28th Street. Address any questions concerning the YD reunion during the Legion Convention to the Chapter Secretary: HENRY W. WASHBURN, JR., 677 Fifth Ave., New York City.

ST. LOUIS

EARL SHACKLEFORD of Hannibal, Mo., is acting President of St. Louis Chapter since the untimely death of President FRANK FOLEY. SHACKLEFORD is a Past Department Commander of the American Legion, Dep't. of Missouri, and has been very active in the formative period of the YD Chapter.

JOHN D. MORRISON, Secretary, had expected, up to the last minute, to be able to attend the Portland Convention, but a wire received from him, in Portland, stated that business had called for his being in Washington. Tough luck, John. We'd all liked to have seen you; better luck next time.

WASHINGTON

No written dispatch has been received, but the group of 15 or 20 who put in their appearance at Portland certainly deserve a few lines. They attended both business meetings, and GRAY CARSON and NATE GOLDEN spoke from the floor on several occasions.

And the Clarence R. Edwards Trophy for Civic Achievement was presented to President DAVE HERMAN, for the work Washington does in keeping green the memories of YD men in Arlington National Cemetery.

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

The big news is that the Annual Convention in Woburn is coming closer every day. Woburn, September 10, 11 and 12; and what a time that's going to be!

The Council meeting on June 20, at Clinton was held in the Legion Home and was enjoyed by the large crowd who attended. There was plenty of eats, cold drinks, and entertainment.

The July meeting will be in Plymouth on the 25th, too late for this issue. On August 22nd, Regimental Memorial Mass at Framingham Muster Field.

103RD INFANTRY

Over 200 sat down at the reunion dinner of the 103rd Infantry at the Portland Convention. Everybody had a grand time. Col. HUME was elected President for life.

102ND FIELD ARTILLERY

B BATTERY

At a special meeting of Battery B Veterans' Association, held in the State Armory in Worcester, it was decided to hold the annual outing at George Buck's Farm in Sterling, the second Sunday in August.

Plans were made to eliminate the frankfurt roast and have a regular dinner instead.

The outing will be for members and their families.

A program of sports for young and old will be conducted at eleven o'clock.

A feud between the drivers and the cannoneers, over a last year's baseball game, will have an attempted settlement when they play this year. The drivers are boasting that they'll "turn" the cannoneers.

We have word from Chicago that our old Mess Sergeant JOHN MCNULTY will be up for the event. He is favored to win the half-mile race which he lost to Master Sergeant JOHN MCCARTHY last year.

The committee in charge is:

Sports, STEPHEN HENNIGAN; Dinner, EDWARD RACICOT, THOMAS FRAZIER; Refreshments, ROBERT VAIL, THOMAS MCCARTHY, JOHN MCCARTHY; Grounds, GEORGE BUCK, ANDREW PROVENCAL; Music, HENRY RUSSELL, GEORGE GAUMOND, ROMEO OLSON; Prizes, MATTHEW LEARY, MICHAEL RYNE, ARTHUR MOBERG.

MICHAEL A. EARLY, President, presided at the meeting.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

F COMPANY

There was quite a bunch of F Company fellas in Portland at the Convention, but they were never all together at one place. Probably the Engineer dinner at the Falmouth saw as many in one spot as any place, but even there, some were missing. Then again, coming back from the clam bake on the boat, there was quite a group. All in all, here and there, we saw, at one time or another, the following, and there may have been even some others.

AL DAY, JOE KENNA, JIM "RED" KEENAN, PHIL SANBORN, ED SAULNIER, HARRY "SAM" HUTCHINS, FRANK "STEVE" STEVENS, ERNEST KLUGE, DARRAGH HIGGINS, (up from New Jersey), "DICK" DESCHENE, "WOODROW" WILSON, PARKER BYRON, LYMAN ELA, ELMER CASEY, CHARLIE DAVIS, HANSON, "SHORTY" LEPENVEN, LEA REDFIELD. Heck, there were others if we could only think who they were.

AL STOBER came into the Club the other day, out of Rutland Hospital for several weeks, and looking better than we've seen him in years. Still short of wind, and won't be able to work for six months or so, but making good progress.

Just received a letter from PHIL KINGSBURY, No. Miami Beach, Fla., telling how much he appreciates hearing of the old gang through YANKEE DOINGS, what a grand thing the Y.D.V.A. is, how he wouldn't miss it. And he must have meant it too, for he slid along five

smackers "for the kitty" as well as his dues, and an order for sundry items on the YD sales list. Best item was 50 cents for ye Ed. to go out and buy himself a drink, which he will proceed forthwith to do, as soon as this column (the last "copy" of this issue) is completed.—P. N. S.

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In Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, June 15, of food poisoning, Congressman William P. Connery, Jr., Seventh Massachusetts Congressional District, former Color Sergeant, 101st Infantry. (See account elsewhere in this issue.)

Joseph B. Alden, formerly of Battery A, 101st Field Artillery, died in Providence, R. I., on July 9, 1937.

Dr. Frank Piper, formerly Major, U. S. Medical Corps, assigned at various times to the 103rd Ambulance Co., the 104th Infantry and the 101st Infantry, died in Cambridge, Mass., on July 8, in his 71st year. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 10, from the North Congregational Church, Cambridge. Interment at Charlestown, N. H. Dr. Piper was a member of the YD Club of Boston since its opening, and had engaged in the practice of medicine in Cambridge for many years.

Harold W. Caswell, formerly of B Battery, 101st Field Artillery, died on July 8. Funeral services were held at the Onset (Mass.) Methodist Church, on Saturday, July 10, with members of the Dudley L. Brown Post, V.F.W. assisting.

William P. O'Halloran, formerly of the 103rd Ambulance Co., died in Watertown, Mass. on June 29. Funeral services were held from St. Patrick's Church on July 2. The deceased was a past commander of Watertown Post, No. 99, A. L.

Martin Joseph Mulkerne, formerly of D Battery, 102nd Field Artillery, died suddenly of pneumonia, at St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford, Mass., on Sunday, July 4. He, together with other members of New Bedford Chapter, Y.D.V.A., had attended the Portland YD Convention the week before, returned home, became suddenly stricken, and lived but one week. He was a past president of D Battery Association, and the present president, Vincent Cotnoir was delegated full charge of the military arrangements for the funeral services, which were held Wednesday, July 7.

William D. Cotter (former regiment not given in clipping) died of drowning in Lynn, Mass. on July 8. Cotter who has suffered from nervous disorders and poor health since the war waded in over his depth in Breed's Pond, and despite the efforts of three young men who eventually located the body, he could not be revived.

Joseph P. Conley, formerly of Supply Co., 101st Infantry, died in South Boston, on June 19. Funeral services were held on June 22.

The funeral of Francis L. Foley, whose sudden death in St. Louis was recorded in the June number of DOINGS, was held in Hartford, Conn., his home city, and attended by nearly 50 members of Hartford Chapter, Y.D.V.A. Active pall bearers were all members of the 102nd Infantry.

John W. Kearney, formerly of C Co., 101st M. G. Battalion, died in Denver, Colo., on June 27. Death was sudden, following an operation. Kearney was employed as manager of the Denver office of the Employers' Liability Assurance Company.

The death is announced of Leon Poirier of Newtonville, Mass. The information sent DOINGS is very scant, does not give regiment nor date of death. Funeral services were held on July 7, under the direction of the American Legion.

From the pages of "Foreign Service," the national publication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, DOINGS learns of the death of:

Jacob Walter Houck, formerly of A Co., 101st Engineers, in Boyertown, Penna., on March 24, 1937.

Emiel Tousegnant, formerly of C Co., 101st Infantry, in Lowell, Mass., on February 18, 1937.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Major General James G. Harbord, in the recent loss of his wife, after a long illness.

Paul E. Allen, formerly of H Co., 104th Infantry, died on Saturday, July 10. Military funeral services were held from his home, 14 Ashton Street, Worcester, Mass. on Tuesday afternoon, July 13. Arrangements for the military ceremonies were under the direction of Gen. Devens Post, American Legion.

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